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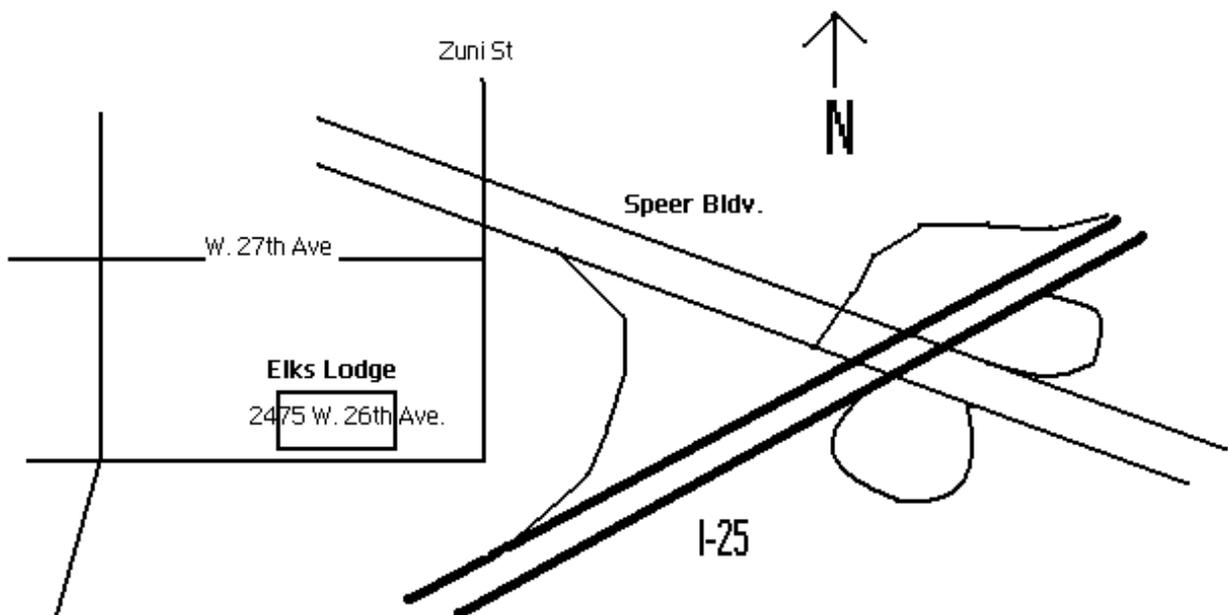
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New Meeting Location By John Serfling

Our new, more or less permanent, location for monthly meetings is the Elks Lodge at 2475 W. 26th Ave. in Denver. It is across the street from the Diamond Hill office complex just southwest of the I-25 and Speer Blvd. interchange. That makes the location very central and easily accessible from just about anywhere in the metro area. It even has a large parking lot! Thanks to Harry Tiffany for finding this place for us. The Board will be meeting at the Elks Lodge each month for dinner prior to the meetings. The Elks would

appreciate it if you would join us for dinner when your schedule permits. Prices range from \$9.50 to \$12.00, which is pretty cheap eating in my book. It even includes soup or salad. The cook tells me that he has a new source for steaks and that they melt in your mouth. I'll see you there on January 13th and every second Tuesday of the month, unless otherwise noted in the *Dagmar*. Please join us either for dinner at 6:00 pm or for the meeting at 7:30 pm.





**A New Year Begins
The Director's Column
By John Serfling**

The December meeting at Rickenbaugh Cadillac was well attended. The highlight of the meeting was the election of officers for 2009. I would like to welcome Brad Bauer and Leonard Johnson to the board as our Executive Vice President and Treasurer. Leonard has served on the board in years past, but Brad is a newcomer, both to the board and to the club. Welcome also to Nancy Tucker, Paul Olson (with able help from Janice), John Cullinan and Dave Leger who are returning as the Secretary, Membership Chair, VP of Fun and Editor of the Dagmar, respectively. I would like to especially thank Brent Hladky for his years as Treasurer of the club. Finally, you also get me as Director for one more year.

This time of year is slow for club activities, since no one wants to get his or her treasure out of the nice warm garage to drive in the cold. Fear

not, however. John Cullinan is already putting together a list of activities for the warmer months. He will organize a driving tour again this year as well. The tours John plans are always well worth joining. He is planning on taking us to Gunnison, with side trips to Crested Butte and the Black Canyon of the Gunnison. Plans are also in the works to spend some time together in Central City. Volunteers are needed to coordinate the monthly events in order to make the season successful. The first opportunity is to coordinate the Member dinner that we normally have in February. Please call John Cullinan to help put together an activity. Another big event for the summer is a trip to Las Vegas to attend the 2009 Grand National. Plans are well underway for this. Nancy Tucker and Paul and Janice Olson are coordinating that tour. Those of you who attended the December meeting saw their PowerPoint presentation on the plans as they stand today. Please see the article elsewhere in this Dagmar for more details.

As always, the members of your Board of Directors value your input. Please let us know what is going well and what isn't. Was there a particular type of activity you really enjoyed that we should do again? Do you have a clever idea for a fund raiser, as some members have had in the past? This is your club, and we serve at your pleasure. We aren't what make the club successful; you do that through your participation. The more members that participate in activities, attend monthly

meetings and volunteer to shop and wrap for poor families at Christmas, the more fun we will all have and the more enjoyment we will all get out of our memberships. Please join us in our 2009 activities.

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Caravan to Las Vegas
By Paul Olson

This June, the 16th through 20th the Cadillac & LaSalle Club will be holding the Grand National in Las Vegas. We have planned a caravan of Cadillac's and LaSalles from the Rocky Mountain Region to attend the event. We hope to have a good showing to help support winning another major award!

We have begun planning the trip. We would like to take the scenic route to Las Vegas with over night stops at beautiful Moab and Bryce Canyon. Along the way we will visit Arches National Park, Capital Reef National Park, Bryce Canyon National Park and Zion National Park.

We have planned to make this

a relatively leisurely and stress free experience. The average daily drive will be about 350 miles. We will be leaving Denver on Saturday June 12th and arriving in Las Vegas on Flag Day, Monday June 14th. Some of us are planning to participate in the Grand National events on Tuesday June 15th. See the Self Starter or see <http://www.lasvegasclc.org/09grand.htm> for additional details

We have reserved some hotel rooms for this part of the route. Please contact us for details.

For the trip home there will be two options. One will be a faster freeway one night stop blast back for those with limited ability to take time off.

The second return trip option would be to complete the

Great Circle tour. This will be a two night trip that will travel Old Route 66 in Arizona to the Grand Canyon. Members will then proceed through the Navajo Reservation to Monument Valley and Moab before returning to Denver. For those with a bit more time this will be a spectacular return trip.

For more details please contact the Tour Committee, John Cullinan, Dirk Biermann, Nancy Tucker or Paul Olson.



Veterans Honored *By Dave Leger*

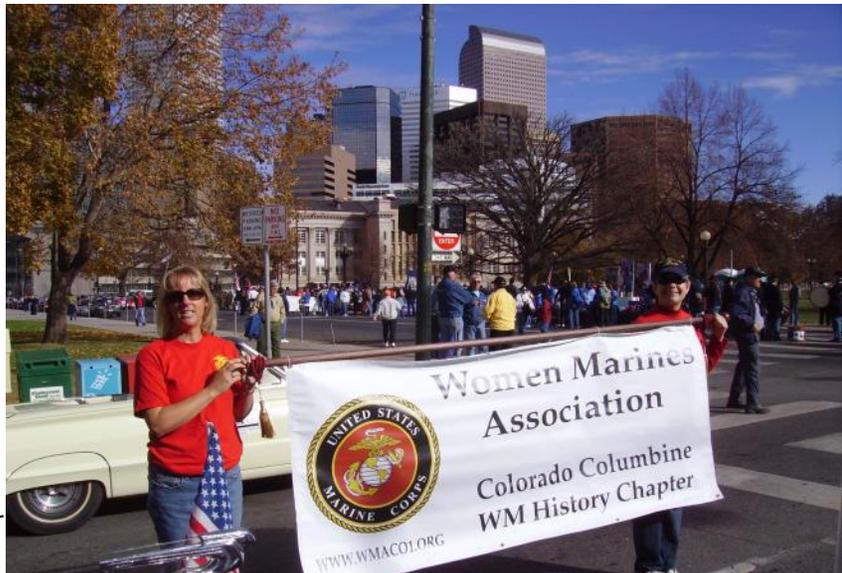
Once again the club participated in the Veteran's Day parade through downtown Denver.

We were privileged to drive the women's Marine Corps veterans once again. We rendezvoused at our usual spot at Albertsons on Broadway. This is becoming a popular pre-cruise spot, as both the Corvette club and the Cobra club were there as well.

From there we headed down to our assigned spot on 14th at Bannock and waited an hour or so until the parade got moving.

We were led by Peter Luce in his magnificent 1938 7529 four door convertible. It was heartening to see that there were bigger crowds along the parade route this year, with more people coming out to show their support for our troops.

After the parade, the club members met at Little Shanghai restaurant on Broadway for lunch and the monthly club meeting. Both the food and the conversation were great.





Veteran's Day Dinner



Activities In 2009 It All Depends On You By John Cullinan

As 2008 comes to an end I reflect on all the events we had and how well they all seemed to go, it becomes clear to me that it was our membership and not our VP of Activities who made the greatest contribution to another successful year touring and parading. With out your support and participation, I would have been the V.P. of Inactivities.

Among the events that stand out are the St. Patrick's Day Parade, which has become quite a fun event with its new location. Out of the ordinary was the tour of the Washing Machine Museum, and our tour of the Denver Art Museum Department of Conservation and Restoration. Although neither was directly auto related, we still learned about restoration and renovation of old leather, paint and old machinery. Skip and Brenda Gorman were instrumental in making our participation in the Georgetown 4th of July Parade a very memorable event by sponsoring a cook out at their antique stove shop in Idaho Springs.

Our annual driving tour in 2008 was to Steamboat. Those who attended and drove up to Steamboat Lake on the second day still talk about the beauty of that 30 mile drive from the town of Steamboat to the Lake, and how much fun the 2 hour ride on the pontoons boats was.

In past years we had some

bad experience with parades due to poor parade organization. The last 2 years even I, a great skeptic regarding parades, have come to enjoy them. The organization has been better, the number of our clubs members who have been contributing has increased, and some of the venues have been more interesting. I would also like to extend hearty thanks to Classic Car Club members who are also members of the RMCLC, Don Braden, and Peter and Mrs. Luce, who have entered their fine automobiles in these parades. If you have not seen Don's 41 '60 Special, or the Luce's 38' four door convertible, you have missed two beautiful cars. A special thanks also goes out to Leonard Johnson who provided his beautiful '58s for these parades. 2009 is upon us and we will soon be enjoying more activities, including the St. Patrick's Day Parade, Memorial and Veterans Day Parades and maybe the Georgetown Parade, again.

Since the events that Skip and Brenda and Bonnie and Jerry orchestrated were so much fun, I hope other members will come forward in 2009 and not only make recommendations but actually coordinate the events themselves. I would love to see an interesting event each month starting in February. If any of you have any recommendations, let me know.

Paul Olsen and Nancy Tucker are putting together a great tour to the Grand National in Las Vegas in June. Some of us may return to Denver after the event via the Grand Canyon,

the Navajo Reservation, Monument Valley and Moab.

In August I am planning a driving tour from Denver to Gunnison, with day trips to Crested Butte and the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park. This will be a 4 day trip, leaving on a Thursday. I hope many of you will be joining us. I am planning a circle route so there will be a minimum of backtracking. We will finish out the year with our fall aspen tour and the Veterans Day Parade.

Please give me your recommendations for tours that you might want to organize yourself. Your participation will make our club events even more diverse and enjoyable.

Happy Motoring, John
Cullinan, VP Activities

Finances For 2008 By Brent Hladky

The club remains on very solid financial ground. We will finish 2008 with about \$16,000 in the bank. During the year, we brought in about \$1,300 less than we spent, primarily a result of our investment in magnetic signs for our cars while at club events, especially parades. We hope this will help promote the club within the many communities our cars are seen throughout the year.

On a personal note, after a number of years as treasurer, I have just passed the baton to Leonard Johnson.

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As we have lost our usual meeting place, see each issue for details on the next meeting date, and location.

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GM Air Conditioning By Tom Orton

If you owned a 50s to 70s new GM car with air-conditioning, you probably took it to the dealer for service. I had a new 59 Catalina with air and I did all of the work on my lovely. Why? Well I replaced two crank case pans on previous cars serviced by ham fist service people; Archie Bunker type imbeciles.

If you have one of these cars and the air-conditioner works but is not performing really well in your estimate; well, you are probably right. I now have a 69 Catalina that needed a new high pressure hose. Having solved that problem, it still didn't do what it is capable of. Pontiac guaranteed that these units would cool the car at 40 mph for 25 minutes to 68 degrees. It had brand new belts and I noticed that after the belt warmed up (about two minutes) that it had stretched and was flopping around like a bull whip. I purchased a belt from a different manufacturer, short enough that it required some persuasion to get it onto the pulley. Set the tension appropriately. Gee whiz, it's doing the same thing. Two minutes and it had stretched to the point that it had about 3 inches of whip in it. I stopped the engine loosened the compressor adjustment and jerked it out to the very end of the adjustment. As soon as this belt warmed up it was doing the same thing. Hmm.

Here is the deal. Your A6 compressor is equipped with a 4 1/2" pulley and engineered for the belts of the day. Those

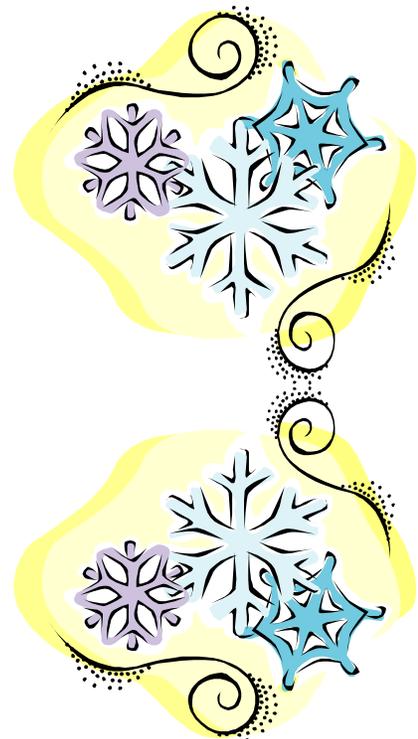
belts were steel reinforced.

Three wires twisted around each other in a group of six in the top side of the belt. You probably would not know that your compressor was running at about half speed unless you own a revolution counter. Today's belts are made with something like nylon or the like. You will notice that today's cars are engineered with larger pulleys which produce less linear pull. They work. I could not find a manufacture that makes a carbon fiber belt. I was not sure that would stand up to the job.

In calling several belt manufactures technical departments I found that Gates supplies a belt for industrial equipment. "This premium utility v-belt is constructed with high-grade materials including ARAMID-FIBER cord for longer life and greater strength. (Part #3L590 & L459 Advance Auto & Car Quest # 67549) This belt's superior design works extremely well on clutching drive applications as well as general utility drives." The gentleman that I talked to ask me what belt number I had on the car. Giving him that, he proceeded to give me the belt numbers that I should call for at Car Quest and Advanced Auto. I stopped in at Advance Auto thinking that this would be a special order and expensive. Well, this turned out to be a pleasant experience. The manager zipped off to the back and returned with belt in hand. Cost, \$9.88 plus tax.

No belt stretch now. My old A6 is spinning like a champ. The Catalina is a pleasure to drive. The gold filled green

tint glass windows are turning away the heat of the sun. I am betting that you did not know that light green tint is there to turn away infra red from the sun and that these windows have a very small bit of gold dissolved into the glass. O' yes glass in a molten state is a super acid and will dissolve most metals. Leaded glass crystal ware for the table! Ho, your crystal is not poisonous. The lead is there to stay. You can let the grand-kids drink out of your best crystal. Pewter is another thing. Don't drink wine out of pewter. Remember the Mad Hatter.



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New Monthly Club Meeting Location

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