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# The *Dagmar*



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## **Director's Column** **By John Serfling**

Happy New Year! 2010 was a good year for Club activities and participation. I'm betting that 2011 will be even better. Make attendance at Club meetings and events one of your New Year's resolutions.

Right now is a slow time of year for our activities. Our last event was the Veteran's Day parade, which you can read about on page 4. Paula Sarlls, the leader of the Women's Marines Association, was grateful for our participation and for the turn out along the parade route this year. It was a significant improvement over the Memorial Day parade crowd. The nice weather could have had something to do with that.

The parade was our last activity until the annual Member Brunch, where the members get together and appreciate each other's company. Save the date of February 27 on your calendars now. The event was a big success last year, so plan on joining the group for a fun winter activity in a nice warm place.

The election of your Board of

Directors was held at the December meeting. All of the incumbents agreed to run, so we were all elected again by the 20 or so in attendance. Jim Salmi has the toughest job as the VP of Fun. He will be asking for your help in both the planning and execution of our club events. As I have said before, the job of VP of Fun is to manage the people who are planning and executing events, NOT to do it all himself.

The club is successful when a lot of people participate. When one person has to do it all, it isn't any fun anymore. Jim got a lot of help during 2010, but could always use more of it. Give him ideas and volunteer to write articles for the Dagmar both before and after an event.

The rest of the Board is: Brad Bauer, Executive VP; Nancy Tucker, Secretary; Leonard Johnson, Treasurer; Paul Olson, Membership Chair; Dave Leger, Editor of the Dagmar; and (obviously) I am still the Director. Each of these people has served you well for many years. Please let them know that you appreciate their efforts. This is the last year that several of these people intend to serve on the Board. Here is

your chance to pick the job you would like to have starting in 2012 for the Club to continue to function well.

Walt Brewer would like to thank those of you who regularly show up at our meetings for your incredible generosity. Over the course of the year we collected \$1500 and gave it to Walt's favorite charity, the Christmas Crusade for Children. Look for an article about the Crusade and its effect on the children and officers involved in the February Dagmar. The thank you letter we received from the organization is reprinted for you on page 7.

Please accept my best wishes for health and happiness during the coming year. I'll see you at a meeting or event soon!



## WHADAYAWANNADO?

*By Jim Salmi*

OK, now that the ballots have been counted and the Florida and U.S. Supreme Courts have opined, the suspense is over and the current board, including me, have been re-elected for another year. The lack of ANY opposition made things quick. Sooo, now it's time to start thinking about the upcoming year of 2011.

Elsewhere in this issue, you will see the beginning of a list of proposed activities for the new year. As tradition has it, we'll begin again with the membership appreciation meal in February. At the December meeting, we discussed the options and a majority of those attending wanted to return to Mount Vernon Country Club for a brunch/lunch type of gathering similar to what we did last year. The date of February 27 was selected, and Harry and Jeanne Tiffany have graciously agreed to coordinate this event with Mount Vernon. Additional details including prices and time will be coming in the February Dagmar, and via emailings. If you aren't on the email list and wish to be, let me know. If you don't have email, you'll need to watch the Dagmar and stay in touch. Our regular club meetings also work.

We'll be doing the five parades we normally do every year, and turnout by members has always been good. The Old Car Council has blocked out the dates for the Havana and Colfax Cruises, and they'll be looking for volunteer help from members. That usually means waving a checkered

flag in between ogling the old cars, which is what you do at the cruises anyway. Some of us will hopefully be attending the Grand National in Columbus, Ohio and if someone has ideas regarding that event, let's start talking about them since time passes quickly. Our regional meet is also a standard, although no date has been selected.

At the December meeting, some other ideas were floated. John Washburn and Art Cutler had great success with last year's High Plains tour, and they want to do another driving tour for this season. Two dry runs so far of possible places haven't lived up to their hopes, but they'll come up with something. Possible activities discussed included a day at the Forney Museum volunteering to dust cars. They are always in need of volunteers, and this would be a good event for a cold month since it is indoors. Tom Orton is looking into it. Estes Park has a steam car related display that might be fun. There is apparently a Shelby museum in the Boulder area, and Nancy Tucker is checking into that. A chicken farm museum (don't laugh!) is located on US 287 near Longmont, and Leonard Johnson says it is really worth seeing. It has lots of vintage farm equipment and the like, as well as a great story about how it all began back in the Depression. Boulder also has Celestial Seasonings and Leaning Tree museum, which might be possibilities. John Washburn and I are thinking about doing a lunch/walking tour around the Golden Triangle area to see where many of

the old car dealerships were "back in the day". The whole area was teeming with them, and many of the buildings still stand. Denver Post auto writer Bud Wells did a book on Denver area dealerships, and it's fascinating.

The activities list shows the events currently scheduled, and I will try to keep it and the region's website calendar current each month. Since these dates are fixed largely by others, we need to coordinate our event planning around them. But, there is plenty of flexibility, so get in your suggestions early. And, please volunteer to coordinate your suggestions. I discovered in 2010 that it really isn't difficult, and that most activities almost coordinate themselves once they have been placed on the agenda. This is particularly true for parades, where we just kind of show up and go where we are told. There are plenty of ideas percolating already, so don't be afraid to add yours.



## Veterans Day Parade Finale By Jim Salmi

November 6, a Saturday, saw the final organized club event for the year with the Veterans Day Parade. Good luck prevailed, and the weather was perfect--clear and sunny. As usual, we met up with our hosts, the Women Marines Association, at the Albertson's parking lot at Alameda and Broadway, and caravanned down to 14th and Bannock for form-up.

We fielded seven cars from our region to participate. John Serfling led off with the '63 ragtop, followed not necessarily in order by James Sears and his '65 blue convertible, Nancy Tucker in the '93 (not a '92!!) Allante convertible, Ray and Marie Guerrie

with the '52 black sedan, John Evans and his '59 land cruiser, John Cullinan with the '38 yellow LaSalle convertible, and Don Braden with his '41 Fleetwood Series Sixty sedan.

Our hosts included, of course, Paula Sarlls who is the leader for the Women Marines and spearheads our group. Terri Sidwell, Jo Slater, Loretta Krook, and Marge Muzzillo were there, as they were at Memorial Day as well. Marge rode with James Sears, and talked about the dedication trip to Washington, D.C. that the Women Marines took during the summer. Mechanical difficulties with the moving sidewalk at O'Hare had a few of the women using the mechanical scooters. The inevitable drag racing ensued. Quite a cute story! They were honored to receive recognition, and had a good time at the nation's capital.

Joining the Women Marines were members of the Gold Star Wives. They are widows of servicemen who have been killed in combat. It puts in perspective that the day is about much more than parades. The Gold Star Wives rode with John Evans and Don Braden, and enjoyed seeing the cars. Maybe we will be lucky enough to drive them again in 2011.

After the parade, we went to the Blue Bonnet for lunch, courtesy of Paula Sarlls. We even got to sit outside in the unseasonably warm weather.

Gracious hosts, a decent crowd of spectators, and a very good turnout by CLC members made the day a great success and a good way to end the club's event season. Thanks to everyone.









# CHRISTMAS CRUSADE FOR CHILDREN

December 7, 2010,

Rocky Mountain Region  
Cadillac LaSalle Club  
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Attn. Leonard Johnson

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## 2010 In The Rearview Mirror By Jim Salmi

Now that the Veterans Day parade is past and the Christmas collections have successfully been distributed, the activities year is officially over. I was nervous when I took over this job last year, but I think things went tolerably well, thanks to all of your help.

We began our year with the membership brunch at Mount Vernon, hosted by Harry and Jeanne Tiffany. It snowed and I don't think anyone drove a vintage car, but the daytime view through the snow was kind of nice. About thirty folks attended, and it got the year off to a good start. It's on the agenda again this year.

The five parades that we drive in every year never lacked for cars. I discovered that the cars and drivers seem to come out of the woodwork just before the event. We've never disappointed the folks we drive for, and it is good exposure for the club and hobby. Thanks to all the drivers who risk the perils of vapor lock to participate.

John Washburn hosted the tune-up clinic in early June, so that a few of us could get our cars ready for the summer. His garage and tools are the envy of the club. My '52 had to spend a couple of extra weeks in his back yard, but that is another story. Two bottles of Fat Bastard Merlot covered the storage charges.

The High Plains driving tour put together by Mr. Washburn

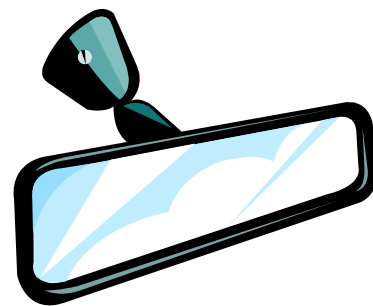
and Art Cutler succeeded beyond their expectations, with over three times the number of participants they had originally planned. It took place over three days in June. The weather was hit and miss, and we even had a potential tornado scare, but they found some good museums for us, and the food was excellent. You know there are locally owned restaurants that are gems, but I for one can never find them on my own. Eastern Colorado and western Kansas don't come to mind when thinking of attractions to see, but they should be. There's a lot of western American history out there, and the scenery was surprisingly green and beautiful. This was our biggest club event in terms of duration and number of participants, and John and Art are looking for more hidden gems for this year.

We didn't do an organized drive to the Grand National in Kansas City, as was done for Las Vegas, although a number of folks did drive. Several honors were brought home as well. I think differing travel schedules interfered with doing a caravan. The G.N. for 2011 is in Columbus, Ohio, so it will be interesting to see if anybody is going to drive. Columbus is a long way, but there are some interesting places one could take in, including the Gilmore Museum campus near Kalamazoo, home of our future CLC museum. The Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg museum in Auburn, Indiana (near Ft. Wayne) is also a must, if you're anywhere near there.

The balance of our activities

consisted of the regional meet at McCaddon Cadillac (thanks, Leonard) and a number of shows, cruises and get-togethers almost too numerous to mention. We were participants in the Havana and Colfax cruises (the Lyons), and several went to the Golden Cruise as a group after visiting the Cussler museum (thanks Brad Bauer and Don Braden). In no particular order, we also had the VFW cookout (John Evans), a Father's Day show and lunch (Blaise and Rene Flaherty), a wine tasting (Marcus Tipton), the Keenesburg wildlife sanctuary visit (Jeanne Tiffany), and the Akron air show (John Cullinan). Finally, members participated in several car shows organized by others, to which we were invited.

In short, we did a bunch of stuff and it seemed to work. The coming year will hopefully be as successful. Thanks to all!



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Members Brunch (Mt. Vernon C.C.)	H/J Tiffany	Feb 27
St. Pat's Parade	Open	Mar 12
Forney Museum "dust-off"	Tom Orton	Apr 9
Shepler's BPOC Show	Open	May 21
Memorial Day Parade	Open	May 28
Havana Cruise	Open	June 18
Fourth of July parade (Georgetown)	Open	July 4
Grand National	----	Aug 10-13
Labor Day Parade (Louisville)	Open	Sep 5
Regional Meet/McCaddon Cadillac	Open	Open
Colfax Cruise/picnic @ East High School	Open	Sep 17
Veterans Day Parade	Open	Nov 7

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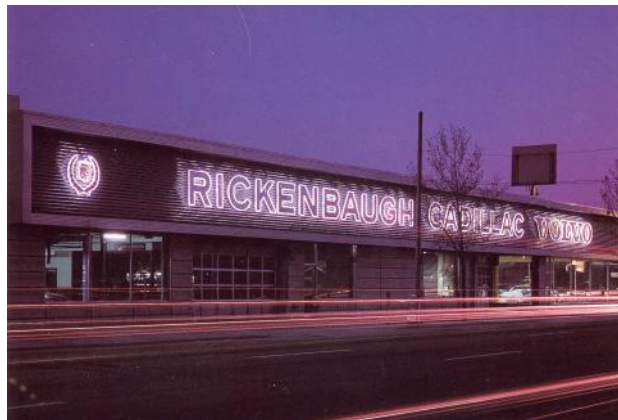
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