

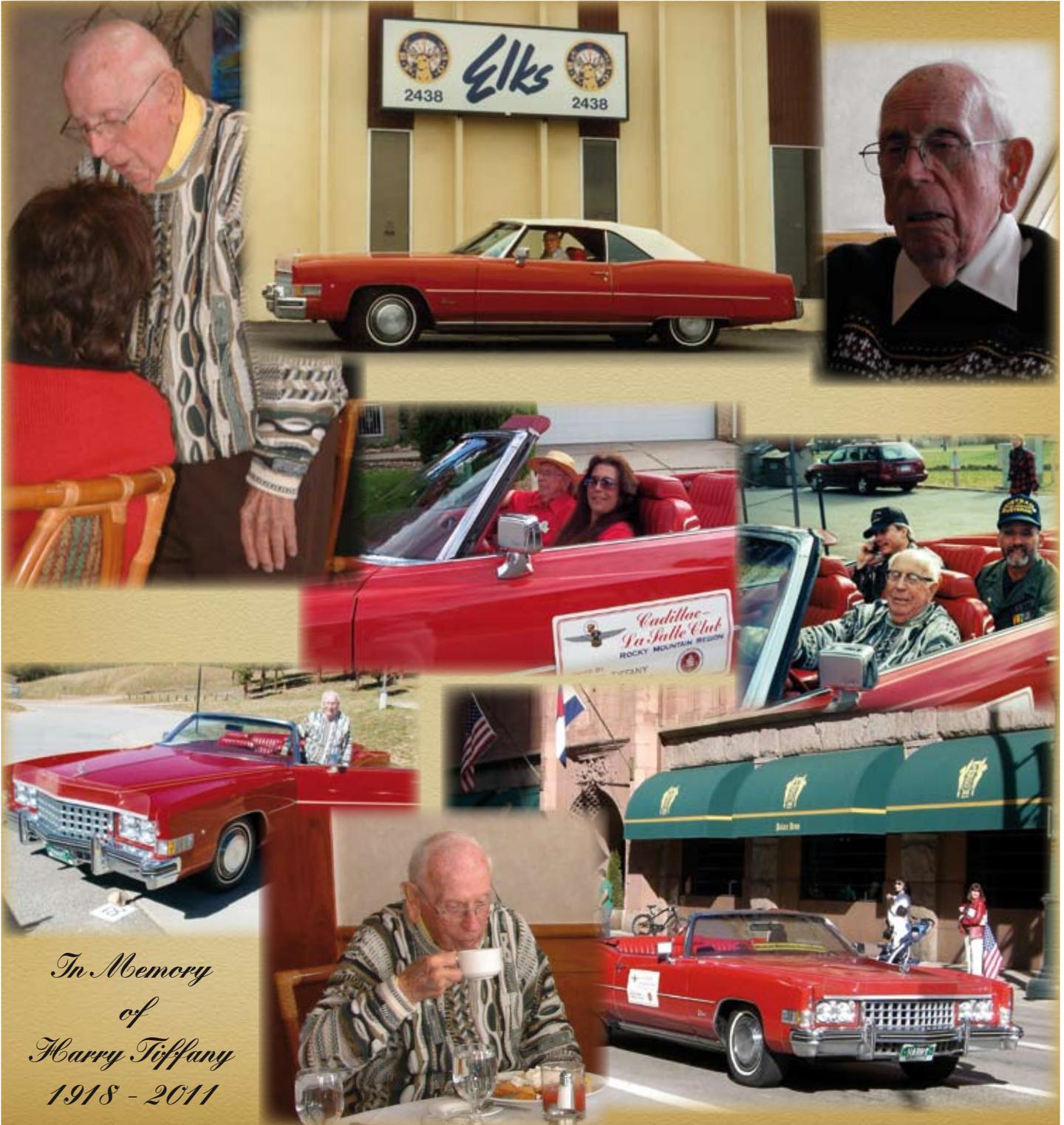


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of
Harry Tiffany
1918 - 2011*

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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.

THE DAGMAR

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WEB SITE

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

ABOUT THE COVER

This issue's cover is in homage to Harry Tiffany. The pictures were provided by his daughter, Jeanne Tiffany and past RMRCLC events. He was so proud of his '73 Cadillac Fleetwood Convertible.

Harry passed away on November 8, 2011. He is survived by three children, seven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and left behind many friends in the RMRCLC. His wife of 43 years, Vivian, passed away in 1985.

He was a member of the Lift Club and the Elks in addition to the RMRCLC, volunteering many hours to each.

Remembered by John Serfling:

Harry was a fount of knowledge about the auto industry. I loved listening to his stories. He was also a welcome addition to our dinner table too. We will miss him.

Remembered by Brad Bauer:

Harry, it was a true pleasure knowing you. The Cadillac club now has a huge hole in it without you being there.

Remembered by Tim Coy:

Harry and my mother were born the same year, so I related quite well to him. We could joke around all the time because I thought he was quite hip for a guy in his 90s. I remember his talk at the 2001 Grand National about his days working at General Motors, when he mentioned that he did some go-fer work in the early 1950s for the great design chief Harley Earl. Boy, did my ears perk up when he said that.

Harry's stories about the Great Depression were quite interesting. He worked hard during that time and never went without, despite the low wages paid in those days.

Two days before he passed away, Cynthia Rutledge and I visited him at his home. When I walked in his room, his right hand went up immediately and I know how excited he was that we came to visit with him. Even though he couldn't talk very well, I could make him laugh again at some of the funny things we laughed about through the years.

We'll never have another member quite like Harry Tiffany. Our Region has been greatly enriched by his time with us.

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**DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE
FROM JOHN SERFLING**

Get ready for another wonderful year for the Rocky Mountain Region of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club. We start the year with two new members on Board of Directors, although one of them has been doing the work without officially being on the Board. Janice Olson replaces her husband, Paul, as the Membership Chair. The other new board member is Wayne Shmitka, who is now the Editor of *The Dagmar*. I'm sure Wayne will do an excellent job of producing our monthly newsletter. When you have an article to be published in the *Dagmar*, send it to Wayne at editor.RMRCLC@msn.com. He can't succeed at his job if you don't help by sending articles. Photos are always welcome, too.

The rest of the Board members are continuing with jobs they have performed well for many years. Thanks to Nancy Tucker, Leonard Johnson, Jim Salmi and Brad Bauer for continuing as Secretary, Treasurer, Activities Director and Deputy Director, respectively. Thanks too, to John Henry for his work on our website: RMRCLC.com. John is not a member of the Board, but probably has to work harder at his club job than most of the other Board members. If you haven't been to the web site in a while, please take a few minutes to look at it today. There is a new feature on our website. The instructions on how to access this feature are on page 10.

We were saddened by the death of Harry Tiffany in early November. I was gratified to see so many members in attendance at the funeral service, all of whom brought their Cadillacs. It was an impressive way to say good-bye to our dear friend. I had the privilege of saying a few words to those gathered to mourn and celebrate Harry's life. Please read Wayne's article about Harry, starting on page 2 and continuing on page 10 of this issue.

With Harry gone, we no longer have access to the Mount Vernon Country Club for our Members' Dinner, which Harry was always more than willing to arrange. Jim Salmi is looking into other venues. Please let him know if you have a favorite place that would be good to use for this dinner.

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. Jim Salmi is already putting together a list of activities for the warmer months. Our summer tour has already been scheduled. We will be heading to Pueblo for a fun weekend of driving, visiting interesting sites, eating and enjoying each other's company. Volunteers are needed to coordinate the monthly events in order to make the season successful.

Happy New Year to all of you. Join us for dinner and a meeting. We

will continue to meet at the Denver Elks Lodge on 26th Ave, near Speer Blvd. and I-25. The Elks will continue to serve soup and salad, beef or bison hamburgers, fries and dessert for only \$10. Those only wanting 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. ♦





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

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION CADILLAC & LA SALLE CLUB
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
December 13, 2011**

Director John Serfling called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Elk's Lodge. There were 26 in attendance.

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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: No changes since last month.

CCCC REPORT: No report.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

- John Serfling spoke of James Sears' illness and said he is staying with friends. Cards can be sent to: 1343 High St., #1, Denver, CO 80218.
- John also talked about Harry Tiffany's service and reception.
- New officers for 2012 were elected by unanimous ballot, and they are:
 - John Serfling, Director
 - Brad Bauer, Deputy Director
 - Jim Salmi, Activities Director
 - Nancy Tucker, Secretary
 - Janice Olson, Membership Chair
 - Leonard Johnson, Treasurer
 - Wayne Shmitka, Editor of *The Dagmar*
- John Serfling presented resigning Editor Dave Leger with a gift certificate in appreciation for his years of delivering an award-winning newsletter.

UP COMING EVENTS:

- Tim Coy gave an update on the January 10-12, 2013 National Board Meeting to be held at the Westin in Westminster. The \$89/night room rate is also available to local club members. There will be a bus tour all day Thursday and on Friday morning. A volunteer is requested to work with the bus company, as well as volunteers needed to assist with other planning and events.

CHRISTMAS CHARITY PROJECT:

- Walt Brewer said that Colorado Crusade for Children, our sponsored charity this year, will shop for gifts on December 20. At the January meeting John Serfling said we will select our charity, whether the same or different, for 2012.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Tucker, Secretary





EDITOR'S COLUMN
FROM WAYNE SHMITKA

Happy New Year 2012! I hope everyone will have a successful and prosperous year. I'm sure we all are anticipating new and fun-filled adventures we enjoy as members of the Rocky Mountain Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club.

With this year comes a change in editorship of *The Dagmar*. Thanks to the members who were present at the December meeting who voted for me. I have to also thank Tim Coy and Dave Leger for their help and encouragement. I hope that everyone will be pleased with my efforts to inform you of the happenings of the Rocky Mountain Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club.

I am open to suggestions and comments (good and constructive) to give you, the members, what you want to see and read in your newsletter.

It is my intention to publish each month the secretary's minutes so the members unable to attend the monthly meetings will have an idea of what was talked about and the decisions that were made. The year-end treasurer's report will be included only in the January issue as most of you may be interested in the financial status of our chapter.

Some of you know me but most of you don't so let me take this opportunity to introduce myself. It all began in December 2001 when I purchased a 1992 Allanté from

Rickenbaugh here in Denver. I had always wanted an Allanté since seeing one on the TV show *Dallas*. My wife, Vonnie, and I test drove the one that Rickenbaugh offered and her comment was, "boy we could have fun with this car". That comment closed the deal and we still enjoy that car. Some folks don't appreciate the Allanté as a Cadillac because it was not completely assembled in Detroit but that fact doesn't matter to me...it's still a Cadillac. After the purchase I was researching the Allanté on line and discovered the Cadillac & LaSalle Club and then found the local Rocky Mountain Region chapter. I joined in 2002 and had a great deal of fun going to meetings and events and meeting new friends with like interests. Unfortunately I decided to let my membership lapse in 2004 when my job interfered with going to meetings and events. It was about at this time that Tim Coy went on to work on *The Self Starter*. He tried to coerce me into taking over the editorship of *The Dagmar* but I just couldn't because I didn't think that I could be an effective editor without going to meetings and events. Thanks to John Washburn and Dave Leger stepping up to plate, we still had our newsletter. I retired September 2010 from 47 years of working in the Graphic Arts/Commercial Printing Industry. I still "stayed in touch" with the chapter through the years by visiting the web sites.

It was here that while reading the last few issues of *The Dagmar*, I learned Dave wanted to retire from being editor after six years and was pleading for a volunteer to take over. I contacted John Serfling, Tim Coy and Dave to get an idea of what I would be volunteering for and the rest is history. I renewed my national and local membership and am back in the fold.

I will not always have a column here in *The Dagmar* because I am counting on articles and pictures from you, the entire membership, to fill these pages for all to enjoy. Please submit all digital files to my email address of editor.rmrlc@msn.com. I have a hi-res 8 1/2" x 11" flat bed scanner for those of you who don't have a digital file. Type written (or even legibly hand written) articles and photos can be sent to my home address listed in the roster. Only together as a whole we can make our newsletter worthy of reading. Thank you all in advance for your support.

I am sending each one of you via email (if you have one listed in the roster) the most current membership roster Please read the information on the last page. ♦



ON WITH THE VETERAN'S DAY PARADE FROM JIM SALMI

The weather leading up to the Denver Veterans Day Parade on November 5th was cold and wintry, but once again we lucked out and the show went on as scheduled. The weather forecast was for cold temperatures and intermittent snow showers but it remained dry and by the time the parade started the sun had come out. As we do every year, the club drove members of the Women Marines Association and Gold Star Wives on the short parade route through downtown. We always meet at Albertsons on South Broadway and Alameda and go downtown as a group. The parade starts at 10:00am, and by 11:30 or so we are usually back at Albertsons.

The parade this year was followed by the Fallen Heroes Honor Roll Reading which included the names of Coloradans who have died in service. Occupy Denver protesters were temporarily gone from Civic Center so no problems occurred regarding the crowds.

When I put the call out for volunteers, I ended up with eleven cars signed up at one point and I was concerned that I might have too many. I suggested to a couple of folks that they could take a "bye" if they needed to do something else. Six usually seems to be a pretty good guesstimate of what is need-

ed. Due to weather and late week mechanical and other troubles, four more cars dropped out. In the end, the number ended up coming out right, since we had a few riders who also didn't attend and some of the women chose to march. Volunteers were Peter Luce ('38 convertible sedan), John Cullinan ('68 deVille convertible), John and Jody Henry ('67 Coupe deVille), John Evans ('59 Sedan deVille) and Don Braden with his recently purchased (from Rod Brewer) 1950 Series 62 sedan. Thanks to all for making these parades possible.

Paula Sarlls from the Women Marines Association acts as our coordinator and liaison for these parades, so all we ever have to do is show up at Albertsons and go as directed. She also coordinates with the Gold Star Wives. Her help is definitely appreciated. After the parade, she even bought us lunch at the Blue Bonnet!

Of course, you can never please everyone. A week or so later, I saw a citizen commentary in the Hub section of the Denver Post, in which the writer complained that antique cars "dominated" the parade, "spewed" exhaust and made it "too long". He wanted a more "efficient" way to show respect and keep the parade shorter. Let's see, maybe the WWII vets would

have preferred BMWs or Toyotas. And for the Korean War veterans, perhaps a KIA or Hyundai. Or in the name of efficiency, how about a very short line of RTD buses? That would sure bring out the crowds! Fortunately, I'm sure his opinion is not shared by the majority of participants or spectators. Our hosts certainly enjoyed their rides, and we look forward to doing it again next year. ♦







TREASURER'S YEAR END REPORT
FROM LEONARD JOHNSON

Rocky Mountain Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club
Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison
As of December 31, 2011

	<u>Dec 31, 11</u>	<u>Dec 31, 10</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
1000 · Cash			
1010 · CD	12,812.68	12,746.23	66.45
1040 · Guaranty Bank checking	81.25	3,145.09	-3,063.84
Total 1000 · Cash	<u>12,893.93</u>	<u>15,891.32</u>	<u>-2,997.39</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>12,893.93</u>	<u>15,891.32</u>	<u>-2,997.39</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>12,893.93</u>	<u>15,891.32</u>	<u>-2,997.39</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>12,893.93</u>	<u>15,891.32</u>	<u>-2,997.39</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Other Current Liabilities			
2020 · National Dues	80.00	65.00	15.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>80.00</u>	<u>65.00</u>	<u>15.00</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>80.00</u>	<u>65.00</u>	<u>15.00</u>
Total Liabilities	80.00	65.00	15.00
Equity			
3900 · Retained Earnings	15,826.32	16,573.34	-747.02
Net Income	-3,012.39	-747.02	-2,265.37
Total Equity	<u>12,813.93</u>	<u>15,826.32</u>	<u>-3,012.39</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>12,893.93</u>	<u>15,891.32</u>	<u>-2,997.39</u>





ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR REPORT
FROM JIM SALMI

What's Happening in 2012?

The ballots have been counted and the current board, with the exceptions of retiring Dave Leger being replaced by Wayne Shmitka as *The Dagmar* Editor and Paul Olson being replaced by Janice Olson as the Membership Chair, have been re-elected for another year. The lack of ANY opposition made things quick. It's time to start thinking about the up coming year of 2012.

As tradition has it, we'll begin again with the membership appreciation meal, probably in February. We've been having it at the Mount Vernon Country Club for the past several years because Harry Tiffany was a member. Now that he has passed away, we need to come up with a new tradition. Combining it with the annual CLC Board meeting in January 2013 is something we are going to study, but that still leaves 2012 up in the air. At our December meeting, we called for any ideas regarding places and times that might appeal to you, the membership. Please let me know your thoughts.

The annual St. Patrick's Day parade in lower downtown is our early Spring event. In the past we drove the Iwo Jima Veterans. They stood us up last year and I would expect they don't want us to drive them this year either. Their decision may have been due to the expense. I checked into last year's parade and found out that the cost for participants is not incidental.

There was a flat charge per group, which included seven vehicles if memory serves, with an additional charge per car beyond seven. For us to drive by ourselves the cost last year would have been around \$300.00 assuming a dozen cars participated. I would imagine the cost this year will be comparable. If we want to be in the parade, we will have to decide how to allocate the cost, etc. We can also think about just attending as spectators and then maybe going to lunch afterward. Suggestions and a volunteer coordinator are needed if there is an interest in doing anything.

John Washburn, Art Cutler and Bill Woodman are planning a driving tour around Pueblo and environs for June 21-23, returning on June 24 (a Sunday). More details will be announced later. They have quite a good itinerary lined out but would like anyone's feedback about places to eat.

We'll be doing the three parades we did last year and turnout by members has always been good. The CCCC 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 St. Augustine, 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.

Possible other activities could include 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. Boulder also has Celestial Seasonings and the Leaning Tree Museum, which might be possibilities. John Washburn, Art Cutler and I are going to do 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 Colorado dealerships and it's fascinating.

The activities lists will be posted in *The Dagmar* with the events currently scheduled and I will try to keep it and the region's website calendar current each month. Check it out at www.rmrlc.com. At this early date there is plenty of flexibility so get your suggestions in early. Please volunteer to coordinate your suggestions. It really isn't difficult and most activities almost coordinate themselves once they have been placed on the agenda. There are plenty of ideas percolating already so don't be afraid to add yours. ♦



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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.

*** Editor's Note:** Please take this opportunity, in your newsletter, to list cars or parts you no longer want or need. You can request wanted items to get your pride and joy running in tip top shape. It's better to sell or buy from someone you know than to deal someone you don't on Craig's List. The listing is FREE for three months to members. Let's fill this space and empty your garage.

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Remembered by Jim Salmi:

He went to General Motors Institute and was engineer at Fisher Body. Avid golfer. The one thing I remember was at the membership dinner a few years back. Harry carried around a picture of a '40 Buick convertible that he bought new. He must have been right out of college. I told him that he must have been on top of the world--new kid with fresh college degree, job at Fisher Body, and a brand new ragtop. He laughed and said "Yes I was". Active until the end. Quite a character

Remembered by Jack Kinney:

Harry, you were an inspiration to us all. Your memory of things from the past was remarkable. ♦

James Sears update from Nancy Tucker:

As most of you know, James Sears is in a very difficult battle with Stage 4 colon cancer. He is staying with Buick/Model A Club friends in Longmont and is undergoing chemo. I am sure he would really appreciate cards and well wishes from all of us. The illness is awful enough, but especially difficult during the Christmas holiday as he is unable to join his family and friends in Iowa. You can send a card to:

James Sears
1343 High St., #1
Denver, CO 80218

A friend of his told me that, when feeling good, he welcomes phone calls (even texts on his cell phone). He can also have visitors, but no large groups and no visits from people who are not healthy as his immune system is weakened by the chemo. Just remember, if thinking of calling or visiting, that the chemo therapy can make him quite ill after each treatment. Texting might be best as he can respond when it works for him and can let you know when a call or visit might be welcome. His cell number is 303-507-5972. ♦

MESSAGE FROM JOHN HENRY, WEBMASTER:

Our web site WWW.RMRCLC.COM has "2011: The Year in Review", pictures from the past years activities including some great locations, people and of course, cars. It is a nice Flash slide show with four pages of photos. Use the fast forward symbol "8" to see more pages. Hold the left mouse button below the row of pictures to move them back and forth.

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2012 Proposed Activities

January 10th	Club Meeting	6:00 PM Dinner	7:00 PM Meeting
February 14th	Club Meeting	6:00 PM Dinner	7:00 PM Meeting
February (TBD)	Membership Appreciation Dinner		
March 13th	Club Meeting	6:00 PM Dinner	7:00 PM Meeting
June 13-16	CLC Grand National	St Augustine, FL	
October 10-13	CLC National Driving Tour	Las Vegas, NV	

Other Activities of Interest

February 4-5 ~ Tri-State Swap Meet at the National Western Stock Show Complex. www.tristateswapmeet.com/

June 16 ~ 5th Annual Cruizin Havana Cruise and Poker Run at various locations on Havana Street in Aurora www.OnHavanaStreet.com

September 22 ~ 6th Annual Colfax Cruise and Poker Run at various locations on Colfax Ave. in Aurora, Denver and Lakewood, Co. Contact Dick Thompson at 303-699-4819

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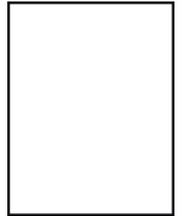
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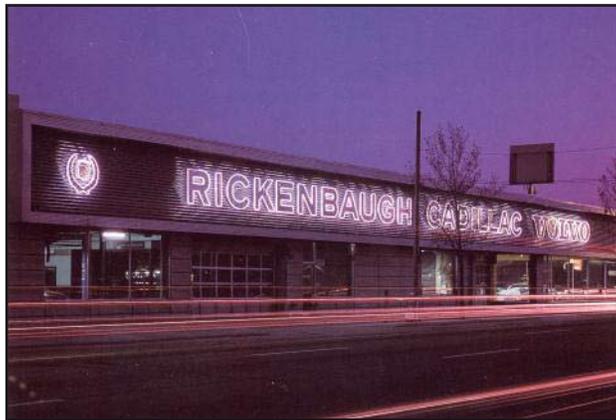


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