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The End of an Era? *by John Serfling*

After many, many years meeting at the TDS/Brewer facility we have to move, at least for the July meeting. The entire first floor of TDS/Brewer has been rented out. Rod Brewer will ask them if we can continue to meet in the conference room, but because of a trip he had scheduled already, he won't be able to discuss it with the new renters prior to the July meeting. Assuming that we won't be meeting at TDS/Brewer any more, I want to sincerely thank Rod Brewer for his hospitality during the entire time that we met there. My only concern now is that we won't have a way to force Rod to come to the meetings. We can only hope that we will continue to see his smiling

face each month.

The July meeting will be at Rickenbaugh Cadillac in the new car show room. Blaise Flaherty has graciously offered to help us out for the July meeting. Unfortunately, we cannot use the facility permanently unless we move up the meeting start time by at least an hour. Since many of you work, it would be difficult for you to get the kids fed and get to the meeting that early,



so we are not inclined to make that change at this time. The Board is working on a permanent solution, which we hope to implement in August.

The dealership occupies the triangle bounded by 8th Ave., Broadway and northbound Speed Blvd. Please note that the new car showroom where we will be meeting is on Speer Blvd. NOT Broadway. Enter the parking lot off of Speer Blvd. Keep in mind as you make your approach that Broadway is one-way southbound, 8th Ave. is one-way westbound and Speer Blvd. is one-way heading northwest.

See you at Rickenbaugh on July 8th at 7:30 pm! Come early and drool over the new cars.



Summer Changes

The Director's Column By John Serfling



Summer is finally here and my neck, face and arms are a lovely shade of brown. The tour to Steamboat Springs proved wonderfully sunny and I browned up nicely in spite of many applications of sun-screen. Details, stories and photos of the trip will be coming your way in the August issue of the Dagmar.

I would like to thank Paul Olson, Membership Vice-President for stepping in at the last minute and providing an entertaining video at the June meeting. John Washburn, our scheduled speaker, was too ill to attend. He is much improved now and will regale us with his car stories at the July meeting (knock on wood).

The June meeting was an interesting affair. We started by singing "Happy Birthday" to Harry Tiffany, who has just turned 90! The singing, which was remarkably in tune, was

followed by cake and punch. Thank you to Janice Olson and Nancy Tucker for helping me pull the party together after a suggestion from Harry's daughter, Jeanie. Thanks to Jeanie for suggesting it! Harry was overwhelmed by our show of affection for him. After the party, Nancy Tucker told us a story about her recent trip to the Tetons in her new CTS and Paul showed a 1937 GM movie about traffic signals and the timing of them. Harry told us that he had owned of the cars in the cars shown in the video. We were amazed!

Last year we learned our lesson with scheduling events during the hottest part of the summer, so the only event for July is the 4th of July parade and cookout in Georgetown. Skip and Brenda promise a lovely day for the event, so join us for a fun time. Bring lots of candy to throw to the kids (big and small).

You will be happy to know

that there are no sad tales of woe for me to tell you about working on my cars this month. There is only success. I was tired of the gas gage operation in my '63 convertible, so I decided to install a new sending unit. Wisely using the floor jack to support the tank when I unbolted its straps, I successfully removed it, took it to Spike's Radiator for a cleaning and reinstalled it, without any serious difficulties. I did replace the J bolts at TJ's suggestion. I doubt that I could have made the old ones work on the reinstall. The nuts were extremely difficult to turn, even after using "Fabulous" PB Blaster. The new ones were a piece of cake to install.

See you at Rickenbaugh!





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Setup/car placement in the front parking lot at McCaddons begins at 8 a.m.; all cars must be in place by 10 a.m. McCaddons will advertise the meet in the local media, so expect a good crowd!

The Regional Meet will be held rain or shine!
Members, please wear your RMRCLC name tag.

To reach McCaddons from Denver, take Interstate 25 to Exit 217, then U.S. 36 to Boulder. Take the Foothills Parkway Exit in Boulder (Colo. 157) to the Pearl Parkway Exit. Turn right on Pearl Parkway and McCaddons is 2 blocks on your left.



Parade Tips *by permission from the Mobile Director*

With the weather forecast calling for toasty temperatures over the Fourth of July weekend, it might be wise to share a pre-flight check list for those participating in the Fourth of July Parade in Georgetown.

If you've never driven an older vehicle in a parade before, you will be surprised at how taxing it can be on your old girl. There may be a lot of idling or moving along at walking speed. That won't allow for much airflow over the radiator and your engine may end up running hot.

One good suggestion that will help during the drive is to put your car into neutral or park when the parade bogs down and comes to a stop. This will allow your engine to turn faster without any load on it from the transmission/torque converter. This will help keep the coolant, fuel, and air moving when you're at a stop.

It is easy to forget to check the basics on our old cars on a regular basis. Here are a few easy but important things to check

Before the parade:

Proof of Insurance. You may not be able to drive in the parade without it!

Gasoline – You do not want to run out of gas during the middle of a parade. It's best to have a full tank. Also, if you're driving a vintage car, try to fill the tank with fuel

that doesn't have ANY ethanol added. With the price of gas through the roof, a lot of the local retailers are selling an "oxygenated" mix with 10% ethanol added to bring down the price a bit. Shell has been good about not adding ethanol. The state requires that a sticker be attached to the front of the gas pumps on any station selling fuel with ethanol added to it. Ethanol has a much lower boiling point than normal gas, which can cause older cars to vapor lock.

Ice - For your car. If your car is at all prone to vapor lock, it's a good idea to bring a small cooler with ice in it. If your car vapor locks, applying ice to the fuel line and underhood fuel pump will cause the vaporized fuel to condense back into a liquid and the car will then be willing to start. It can take an hour-plus for vapor lock to clear on its own. Ice (or even cold water) greatly speeds things along.

Coolant -- be sure to check the level in your radiator as well as the overflow reservoir (if so equipped) when the engine is cool. While you're under the hood, take a look at your radiator hoses and make sure they are in good shape with no cracks or bulges.

Radiator Cap -- If you haven't replaced your radiator cap in the last five years, it's worth your while to take it down to a parts store and have them test it. They won't charge you for the test. Or just replace it -- they're inexpensive and readily available.

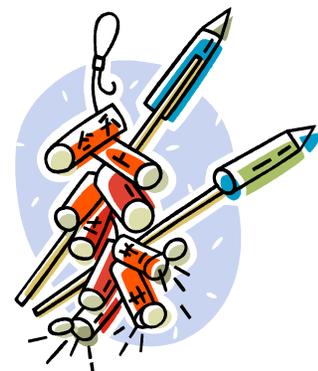
Transmission fluid -- If you have an automatic, be sure to

check the transmission fluid level and condition. You'll need to do this after driving the car a couple miles. Most cars need to be running when you check this fluid. Your dipstick should be marked whether the transmission needs to be in park or neutral when you check the fluid.

Brake fluid -- Your brakes will also get a workout during the drive. Pop off that cap and check the fluid level in the master cylinder. If it is low, check with your friendly parts store to see what type is correct for your car. Brake fluid comes in several different DOT ratings.

Water -- For you and for your car. It's going to be a warm day, and parade organizers frown on taking detours through the Taco Bell or McDonald's drive-through during the parade.

Have a great time, and enjoy the parade. We're glad you've decided to join us!



Georgetown's 4th of July Celebration

The Cadillac & LaSalle Club has once again been asked to escort and provide rides for the survivors of Iwo Jima in the 4th of July Celebration Parade.

The club will meet at 10:00 at 11th & Griffith heading north and bring lots of candy!

After the parade you are invited to join Skipper at his shop in Idaho Springs for Hot dogs and other goodies.

If you need information please call Skipper Gorman at 303-981-7547.



Club Celebrates at Meeting

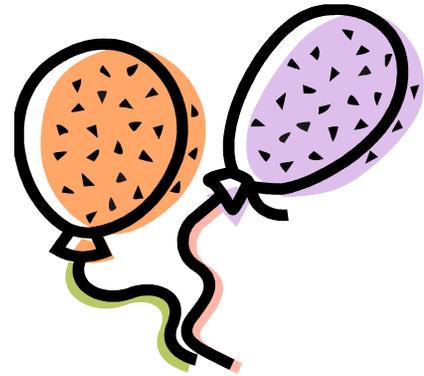
By David Leger

It was with great pleasure that club members gathered at our last meeting. Before the meeting started members enjoyed cake and punch and a chance to wish Harry Tiffany Jr. a very happy 90th birthday!

This was obviously a special event as it brought together the current club director and 7 past directors: John Evans, George Malesich, David Gloss, Rod Brewer, Walt Brewer, Skip-

per Gorman and Brenda Gorman. (Many thanks to Ramona Mueller and Brenda Gorman for pointing out this special occurrence).

Harry, as usual, was gracious, and had a few things to say. We can always count on Harry for a story. This special event certainly set a festive tone for the meeting!





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Monthly Meeting:

See Page 1 for details on the July meeting. Following meetings are yet to be scheduled, as we have lost our long running meeting location.

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Check out the RMRCLC Website at:

www.rmrclc.com

and the national site at
<http://www.cadillaclasalleclub.org>

With Deepest Sympathies

The club wishes to express our sympathies to Don Braden on the loss of his father, This from Don:

“Our dad, Donald D. Braden died at age 98 at about 5:15 a.m., Tuesday, 5/27 the day after Memorial Day. He came down with an upper respiratory infection the week before and just could not shake it off, despite the antibiotics. My twin sister Charlotte was visiting from her home in Anchorage at the time, and we were both with him at the nursing home, where he spent the last 5 years, both before and during his last illness. Nursing home staff did their best to keep him as comfortable as possible, but when he began to refuse food, water, oxygen and treatment, we knew the end was near. On Monday, Memorial Day, Diana, his wife of 35 years, thought he might

be asking for approval or permission of some kind and arranged to have Last Rites administered. That did the trick. At lunch afterwards, everyone agreed that he relaxed visibly after the service. I personally looked in on him again just before I left to return to Denver, and he was resting easily and breathing comfortably, something I had not seen for 3-4 days. He wasn't a WWII Chaplain for nothing.

He was a great favorite with nursing home staff and will be missed by them, by family and by all. I thought he might have one more summer, and

it looked like he was off to a great start. He will be buried at the cemetery at the Air Force Academy, where he was a founding member of the faculty and taught for 2 tours (1955-'60; 1965-'69).”

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Just what did club members do in Steamboat last weekend? Stay tuned for details in the August issue!

Cars & Parts or Sale

Just finished 1966 Cadillac furniture. Love seat (made from trunk area), Chair (made from front doors), Coffee table with glass top (made from trunk lid), End table with glass (made from Cadillac steering wheel, steering column, and hub cap). Black with tan upholstery, \$7.500. Contact Bill Bowser at 303-795-6460 or 303-475-9013. Next to be crafted: 1964 Cadillac desk, love seat, chair & coffee table. (May)

For Sale, 1993 Allante, 38k miles, Polo Green, Cosmetic issues, some mechanical. Runs great, super body. Salvage title. \$9k

720-209-6987 Cell, 303-744-1224 Work, Bob Runge (June)

Official List Of RMRCLC Sponsored Functions

July 4th, Friday, Georgetown Parade and Cookout in Georgetown on July 4th . See page 5

August 12—16, 2008 Cadillac & LaSalle Club Grand National, Cherry Hill New Jersey. Join everyone for the 50th anniversary of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club—see <http://www.vfrclc.org/GN08.htm>

September 13, Saturday, Annual regional show, at McCaddon's Cadillac in Boulder. See page 3.

September 20, Saturday, Colfax Cruise

September 27th, Saturday: Arboreal Autumnal Splendor (aspen) Tour. Route to be determined.

November 8th, Saturday, Veteran's Day Parade with the lady Marines.

Other Events

September 20, Saturday, Annual Colfax Cruise

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