



The
Dagmar

The monthly newsletter of the Rocky Mountain Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club



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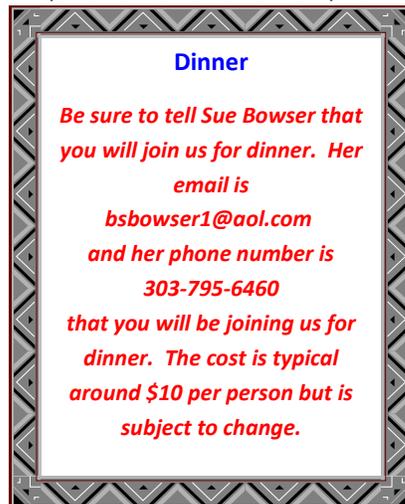
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Monthly Meetings

Regular Business meetings of the Rocky Mountain Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club are held on the second Tuesday of each month. We meet at the Elks Lodge #17 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.



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All CLC members are welcome to submit Cadillac and LaSalle related ads. The ads are FREE for Rocky Mountain Region members for three months and are \$20 prepaid for non-members for three consecutive months.

From the Editor

We spent the month of April on the road in a new motor home so I wasn't able to get an issue of the *Dagmar* out to press. So here is one for the last 3 months. Hopefully I have covered all the activity.

Garages

By Paul R. Olson

My garage project is progressing. The building shell is complete. The 6" heated and reinforced floor was just poured. I will have to let it cure for 30 days before I can seal it with epoxy paint. I still have to complete the electrical, install interior wall paneling and of course install the system to circulate hot water through the piping in the floor slab. This doesn't include work benches and storage.

The interior wall paneling will be Oriented Strand Board (OSB) and will be installed using screws so I can remove panels to make changes to electrical or other utility or to replace a damaged panel. Besides it is cheap and easy.



AT THE WASHBURN MEMORIAL GARAGE AND WHINE BAR.

John has a good group of cars to tune but he lacks sufficient adult supervision.

John says that a few good on-lookers and wanna be Cadillac experts would be helpful. Refreshments and pizza will help fuel the event.

Join us on Saturday June 13th.

A promotional logo for "John Washburn's Tune Up Clinic". The text "THE WORLD FAMOUS" is at the top in a white box. Below it, "John Washburn's" is written in a stylized font with a star. "RMRLC Tune Up Clinic" is written in large, bold letters. A spark plug is shown in the center. Logos for "CADILLAC" and "ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION" are also present. At the bottom, "Elizabeth, Colorado" is written in a white box.

An Afternoon at The BRO^ADMOOR

Our PORMRCLC (aka Fearless Leader aka El Presidente) organized a wonderful day trip to the famous Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs. As is typical with such tours we took the backroads for much of the drive.

The Broadmoor treated us to very nice and prominent parking area, where we could display our cars for hotel visitors. A shuttle bus took some of us to the main building where we gathered for a guided tour of many of the famous art works in the hotel. Along with a description of the art the guide presented a very interesting historical perspective of how the hotel came to being. The art work there is exceptional by all measures.



On the road. Photo by Breck Larson



Lessons on famous artwork in the hotel.
Photo by Breck Larson



Getting a lecture on a very special low mileage 1928 Cadillac by the Penrose Heritage Museum Curator. Photo by Breck Larson



Following the art tour and history lesson we retired to the Golden Bee English Pub for a sumptuous lunch. They were well prepared for our arrival.

Each of us was adorned with a small “Golden Bee”. They had even created a special menu card for us.

The next stop on the tour was at the Carriage and Pikes Peak Hill Climb museum. One of the highlights was a 1928 Cadillac V8 Limousine with bodywork build in France for Spencer Penrose’s wife Julie. The car was presented to her as a surprise on their grand tour of Europe. Spencer died shortly there after and the car hasn’t been driven since. It is all original.



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Leonard says that this will be a great event come early to get a good parking spot.

Mildred Searches for a Matching Belt

By David Leger

Mildred is my 1947 Club Coupe. While she has been largely rebuilt, there has been a slight tapping noise when idling that has had me stymied. Using a piece of heater hose as a stethoscope, it was clear it wasn't coming from the engine. It also wasn't coming from the shroud, the air cleaner, or any other surface I could reach. Mildred had had a thorough physical by this time! I kept looking for it for several years. Not enough of a noise to worry about, but enough to annoy you. I am sure all our readers know that feeling!

I finally decided to replace the fan bearing, as it was original, and the only thing I could think of that I hadn't been able to check. I found someone online who carried them, and grabbed the URL. I shot off an email to John Washburn to verify it was the correct part, but John promptly wrote back and told me that wasn't my problem. That seemed a big statement having not heard the noise, but I have found that John is almost always right. Don't you find people like that both helpful and annoying?

John told me that various people have looked for this noise before on flatheads, sometimes spending significant amounts of money in the process. What John had discovered, as he mentioned a few months ago in his Self Starter article, is that the belts listed by Gates for our flatheads are an approximation to the previous approximation to the original belt size, and they just don't fit the pulleys right. The only solution is to order the reproduction belts from McVeys. Those are not exactly inexpensive belts for a V belt, but hey, they are still less than a lot of the serpentine belts on modern cars. A week later I found two new thick belts waiting for me when I got home from work.

The old belts were easy to get off. Loosen the adjustment on the fan bearing and loosen the hold down on the slide on the generator, and they slid off and then up over the fan blades. Getting the new belts on was another story! I just about busted my knuckles trying to stretch these thick, heavy, non-stretchable belts up over the rim of the pulleys. What finally worked was to get my dad to help me. He held a thin screwdriver blade like a pry bar to wedge the belt over into the pulley. As he held the blade there, I turned the fan itself, turning the pulley. As I did so, the belt pushed up against the screwdriver blade and finally popped over into the pulley. Once seated, there was very little movement needed on the adjusters to tighten the belts.

I started Mildred up, and surprise, the noise was gone! Once more Mr. Washburn had done it. I took Mildred for a drive and noticed another change. In the past the temperature gauge would go up to the H mark and stay there (though the car never boiled over). Now a trip of 3 miles only had the gauge at $\frac{1}{4}$ of the way up. Apparently the old belt had been slipping on the water pump resulting in erratic coolant flow. I topped off fluids and put the car to bed.

A month later I went out to take the car for a drive. I found a fair puddle under her, I thought that I must have overfilled the radiator and it had blown out. I kept that impression for a block, until I saw that the temperature gauge was midway up, and climbing. I made it around the block and back to the garage, but the radiator cap was starting to hiss by then. I topped off the low coolant, and went for a drive. Coming home, I notice there was a trickle from the water pump bearing. Now it had never needed greasing since the engine rebuild, but apparently the packing had never properly seated while the belt was slipping. I greased the pump, and the car has behaved its self since. On a summer day the temperature goes up to mid-gauge and stays there,, maybe $\frac{3}{4}$ on a hot day when traffic is heavy. One more mystery solved, but I am sure it won't be the last.



From the Director's Desk:

By: John Cullinan POTRMRLC

We are heading into the most active period of the year for the Rocky Mountain Region of the Cadillac and La Salle Club, Spring and Summer. We have many events planned and hope many of you will be able to participate. We had 17 attendees at the Arrow Head Golf Club Lunch. Many had never been to the scenic Roxborough Park area. Too often we know only our small part of the world and don't venture out. But we will be doing a lot of venturing out this year.

This month we will be venturing out to Colorado Springs to visit the beautiful and revitalized Broadmoor, one of the most elegant resorts in the country. Yet the Broadmoor is not a snooty or snobby place. They have the most gracious staff of any hotel I have ever visited and they come from all corners of the world. I was there this past weekend making arrangements for our visit there on the 25th and enjoyed receiving excellent service from staff from Hungary and Croatia. The Broadmoor is an international training center for students seeking a career in hotel and restaurant management.

We will be taking the scenic and less travelled route to get to the Broadmoor on Saturday the 25th. Unfortunately, the Clayton Restoration Shop is still in the process of finishing its 14,000 square foot addition. So we will not be able to stop there on our way to the Broadmoor. Later this Summer or Fall we will arrange a visit there that will be worth the wait.

We are planning on arriving at the Broadmoor by 10 AM. At 10:30 we will be treated to a special tour of the priceless art collection that adorns the walls of the Broadmoor, all owned by Phillip Anschutz, the new owner of the Broadmoor. This will not be a boring tour. Whether you like art or not, you will learn a lot about the American West and the art of the West. After the art tour, we will all go to the Golden Bee Restaurant for lunch. If the weather cooperates, we will eat on the outdoor patio. After lunch we will walk over to the Broadmoor Auto Museum. The Broadmoor used to be a distributor for Pierce Arrow Automobiles in the 20's and 30's. When Pierce stopped making cars, they switched to Cadillacs. The Cadillac tradition has been revived by Mr. Anschutz. Guests of the Broadmoor can drive any of the new Cadillacs they have on site for 2 hours every day of their visit. No Charge! If you wish, we can also visit the Ice Skating Hall of Fame and Museum near the Broadmoor car museum.

One of my goals for this year was to find new members for the RMRCLC. At the April Meeting we will have new advertising card designed by Tim Coy. These are to be used by you to give to potential new members. They can be given to anyone who has an interest in Cadillacs. Just because you see someone driving a new Cadillac does not mean they wouldn't be interested in joining our club. Give them one of your Membership Solicitation Cards, Too.

Tim Coy is generously volunteering to pay for the 1000 new cards that are being printed. Many people make contributions to the RMRCLC without a lot of us knowing it. Tim is one of those. Express your gratitude by coming to this month's meeting and personally thanking him for his generosity.

We will have more events in May I hope you will participate in. We will also have details regarding our Summer Driving Tour, August 26-30, at this month's meeting. Hope to see you there.

MINUTES

April 14, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. and there were 26 members in attendance.

DIRECTOR'S WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Sue Bowser again made a wonderful meal of ham, potatoes, green beans and mini cheesecake for dessert. As always, our thanks for providing a great meal. Frank Swanson and his wife, Sheila, were at tonight's meeting; they have a 1936 LaSalle that is all torn down and "running away with all their money."

TREASURER'S REPORT: No report from Leonard Johnson; he was busy with the deadline for taxes. We still have around \$15,660 and approximately \$364 in the Christmas fund.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: We had a guest, Daisy Cooke, who drove her 1995 Eldorado. She was given information on joining the CLC and the Rocky Mountain Region.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes and the agenda were passed out to everyone at the start of the meeting. Also spoke to the meeting regarding the inconsistency in the notes from the March meeting.

CCCC REPORT: The meetings are being held in Colorado Springs. Brad said he'll print off the OCCC minutes from the website and bring them to the meeting. Also considering sending the minutes to the members.

OLD BUSINESS: Nancy Tucker talked about James Sears' memorial service at the Forney museum. A lot of his family was there as were some of James' cars that were displayed behind the podium. The family provided a very nice meal of Mexican food, which was his favorite. James was easy to visit with, as he loved talking about his cars. Brad Bauer went to the Tommy Dorsey event at the Forney. Was better than he expected and had a great time. Ellen Doris Dorsey was there and they were auctioning off dances with her and the music was enjoyed by all. The Roxborough burger run was attended by 18 members enjoying a very pleasant day with the people and the cars.

NEW BUSINESS: John Cullinan thanked Tim Coy for redoing the membership recruitment cards; everyone seemed to like the new design with rounded corners. Tim passed out card to the members to give out to potential Rocky Mountain Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club members. We are looking into having our June 9 meeting at the Forney museum. *The Dagmar* will be sent out later in the month, as our editor has been on the road for about 25 days in his RV. He will let everyone know when to go to the website to view it.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Activities:	Leader:	Date:
Broadmoor tour/lunch	John Cullinan (303) 738-3981	April 25
Memorial Day Parade (tentative)	Jim Salmi (303) 758-8930	May 23
Sheplers BPOCG Show	N/A	May 30
Tune-Up Clinic	John Washburn (303) 646-6105	June 13
Highlands Ranch car show	Brad Bauer (720) 261-4018	June 20
Hazel's Beverage World car show	Leonard Johnson (303) 438-6632	June 21
CLC Grand National, Brookfield, Wis.	N/A	June 24-27
Olson/Serfling/Greene Garage Tour	Paul Olson, John Serfling, Rick Greene (303) 697-8460, (303) 887-4632	July 19
Rocky Mountain National Park 100th Anniversary Drive	??	Aug. 1
CLC National Driving Tour (Detroit)	N/A	Aug. 11-15
RMRCLC Driving Tour	John Washburn (303) 646-6105	Aug. 27-30
Louisville Labor Day parade	John Evans (303) 425-9515	Sept. 7

N/A = Not Applicable

?? = To be determined

MILESTONES: No one had a story to share.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS: Bob Lyons passed around the hat and we collected \$63 for the Fisher House.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Rutledge, Secretary

MINUTES

May 12, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. and there were 23 members in attendance.

DIRECTOR'S WELCOME/INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Director John Cullinan was in Texas, so Bob Lyons led the meeting. Sue Bowser made a meal of stuffed peppers, noodles, salad, vegetables and coconut-iced cupcakes. As always, our thanks.

TREASURER'S REPORT: We still have around \$15,660 in the bank, we've collected \$2,100 in 2015 dues and we have \$405 in the Christmas fund. All bills are currently up to date and paid.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: We have 69 paid members; 13 reminders were sent out. Tim Coy gave Janice Olson the new membership recruitment cards.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes and the agenda were passed out to everyone at the start of the meeting. Also spoke to the members regarding the inconsistency in the notes from the March meeting due to the Elks members' talking near our gathering.

CCCC REPORT: Tom Orton had no news to report at tonight's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: The Broadmoor tour was on a Saturday and everyone who attended had a great time. There were architectural artwork and giant metal sculptures to enjoy. There were two presidential coaches on display, and a video was shown with cars going up the Pikes Peak during the Hill Climb. Everyone had a good lunch at the Broadmoor's Golden Bee restaurant.

Southwest Regions VP Tim Coy visited the Missouri Valley Region in Kansas City April 25–26 and was invited to help push cars at the Mecum auction, here in Denver June 26–27. Leonard Johnson will have some of his cars for sale there. Tim also attended the Region's monthly meeting at a Denny's on Sunday. Maybe it's worth discussing to maybe change our meeting times and dates?

NEW BUSINESS: Tim Coy did a PowerPoint presentation on how *The Self-Starters* is assembled at Modern Litho in Jefferson City, Mo. Tim showed pictures of the printing plant and its processes. He was describing how the magazine is trimmed, stapled, mailing information printed and bundled on pallets. Tim also shared some short videos of the incredible fast processes of the lines.

Joe Unrein spoke about the Sept. 26 Colorado Freedom Memorial Cruise with a Vet. It's a wall to honor our vets who've given their lives for freedom. There will be awards; a picnic will be held afterwards. The RMRCLC will pay for registration; this will be a club event.

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Cussler Museum/lunch	??	July 26
CLC National Driving Tour, Detroit	N/A	Aug. 11–15
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Louisville Labor Day parade	John Evans, (303) 425-9515	Sept. 7
Vail/Colorado Grand Tour	Paul Olson, (303) 697-8460	Sept. 19
CLC Museum Fall Festival, Hickory Corners, Mich.	N/A	Sept. 25–27
Cruise with a Vet	Joe Unrein, (303) 699-5280	Sept. 26
Veterans Day Parade	Jim Salmi, (303) 758-8930	Nov 7

N/A = Not Applicable

?? = To be determined

MILESTONES: No one had a story to share.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS: passed around the hat and we collected \$89 for the Fisher House.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Rutledge, Secretary

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