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Rocky Mountain Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club



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2008 Membership Dinner a Big Success *by Brent Hladky*

Harry Tiffany once again graciously offered the Mount Vernon Country Club as the site for our annual membership dinner, and majestically held court from his strategic location in the corner of the dining room. With wonderful weather and Mount Vernon's outstanding menu, the turnout was strong: over 40 hungry folks were in attendance. The view from the club, perched magnificently atop Lookout Mountain, is truly a sight to behold. The appetizers were wonderful, the entrees divine (crab legs, prime rib, chicken Marsala, etc., etc.), and the desserts

melted in our mouths (for those not already too full to indulge in them!). There's simply nothing like getting together with fellow RMRCLC members to talk about our latest and greatest projects and acquisitions, and just

plain "swap tales." Needless to say, there was no shortage of any of this. For those of you who missed it this year, make a note to attend next year, and Harry, on behalf of the club, thanks for once again hosting.



Spring is In The Air

The Director's Column By John Serfling



The member appreciation dinner was a big hit as always. More than 40 people attended the dinner. Please look for details about the dinner elsewhere in this issue of The Dagmar. I'd like to extend a big thank you to Harry Tiffany and Dave Gloss for making all of the arrangements for the evening. I choose to believe we had a good turnout because you enjoy each others company and being appreciated, not just because your board of directors cut the price to \$20/person. Regardless of your motivation, thank you to all who attended.

The St. Patrick's Day parade is coming soon. Let's show Denver that Cadillac can be an Irish word one day each year by coming out in force. Please give John Cullinan a call to let him know that you will be participating. See his article for

details on date, time and meeting location. It is cold when you leave home, but the crowd will surely warm the cockles of your heart before you reach the end of the parade route.

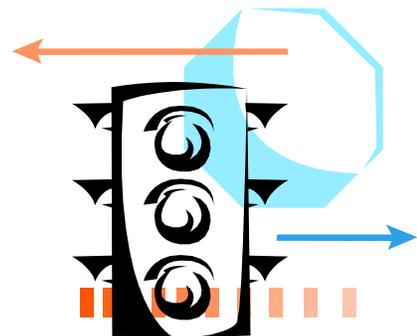
I'm proud of your Vice President of Fun for branching out and giving us an opportunity to enjoy each other's company at a non-car related event. I for one intend to be at the Denver Art Museum, both to learn about preservation and conservation and to see the "new" wing, which isn't really new anymore. Call a fellow member and arrange for dinner near the museum either before or after.

We were treated to another great story from a fellow member at the February meeting. We learned how Bill Bowser became the repo man. I'm not sure that was his intent at the start, but that's what I got out of it. It was a great story, told in a most entertaining manner. Thank you, Bill, for your regular attendance and many contributions to our meetings.

Read John Cullinan's article on the Great Circle Tour to Steamboat, then book your room at the Nordic Lodge. He has planned a beautiful drive for us and we always have a wonderful time on these road trips. How many of you have ever driven over Cameron Pass? Here is an opportunity to see a part of Colorado that few Denver folk bother to visit.

I'm sure all of you have been waiting anxiously to read the conclusion to the Eldorado

brake saga. I am happy to say that it is up and running, and stopping well. I was able to extricate the proportioning valve with only two long welts on my right hand. As two of the brake line nuts let go, my hand slammed into the brake line that was above them. At least I didn't draw blood. I package up the valve and mailed it off on Saturday afternoon. I got a call Monday afternoon requesting billing information. UPS had not shown up at the rebuild shop yet, so the finished product got into the outgoing shipment on Monday. That is well under one day to receive, rebuild and reship. The package arrived at 3:00 on Wednesday and the valve was installed by 3:30. The trip to the Downing Street Garage for the bleed job was a real thrill early Thursday morning. I didn't have any front brakes, and the rear brakes locked up on the ice at every stop sign. Fortunately, it was only about half a mile to the garage. With a little luck, there won't be anymore trouble with the car until it warms up a bit.



Roger D. Knight

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Roger D. Knight Jr.. Mr. Knight passed away at the age of 94, followed in death by his son, Roger D. Knight III 3 days later at the age of 67.

The family will be auctioning off his collection of vehicles, including 3 Cadillacs. A 1927 Cadillac 7 passenger sedan, a 1930 LaSalle phaeton, and a 1937 Cadillac 4 door sedan. Additional vehicles include a 1914 Case, seven Model A's and three Rolls. Bids may be submitted March 15 through April 30. For further information contact Mr. Jim Reeman, 35710 Weld county Rd. #39, Eaton, Colorado, 80615, Phone # 970-454-2656



To me one of the most important benefits of membership are the fine monthly publications The Dagmar and Self Starter. Folks these two are among the best there is to offer in the car collecting world today and are well worth the cost of membership.

Membership Matters
By Paul R. Olson

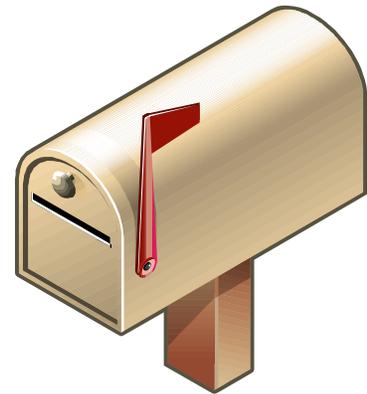
This is the time of year to renew your Rocky Mountain Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club memberships. The notices should be in your mail boxes by now. Please take a moment and send your dues payments to our treasurer Brent Hladky that same day so you don't forget it.

Having been a member of the Pacific Northwest and Northern California regions I find the Rocky Mountain Region to be by far the most fun and friendliest group. Janice and I feel extremely fortunate to count ourselves as part of this group.

So please attend to your club membership status. Please ensure that it is current. Thank You.

This year the Cadillac & LaSalle Club has again reminded the regional clubs that membership in the national club is a requirement for all regional members. Current national membership is a requirement of our insurance carrier. Please ensure that your national membership is current.

If you will be relocating during this coming year please let us know so we can keep our records up to date and keep sending you The Dagmar on time.



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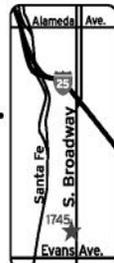
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The Activities Update By John Cullinan

The RMCLC will be participating in the St. Patrick's Day Parade again this year. We will be escorting the lady Marines. They have put us on their entry form so we will be announced from the podium along with them. The date of the St. Patrick's Day Parade will be March 15th. We will meet at the southwest corner of Alameda and Broadway around 9 a.m. More details and specifics will be given later to those who state they want to participate in the parade. Take it from someone who did not enjoy the old route the parade used to take, the new route and the new staging area make this a much more enjoyable and exciting parade than it was previously. As we drove down Blake Street last year, hundreds lined the street and filled the porches of the new loft building, giving the parade a Mardi Gras atmosphere. Call me at 303-738-3981 or email me at juan-cull@aol.com if you plan to

attend. We will need convertibles, of course, but other nice cars are most welcome.

April's event will be at the Denver Art Museum on Friday evening, the 4th of that month. We will be touring the Restoration and Conservation department where they will show us and discuss with us some of the procedures they use to restore and preserve various works of art, including those on canvas and those made of stone, brass, leather and other materials. I hope the restoration expert who helped restore all types of items recovered from an 1867 steamboat wreck on the upper Missouri will be present that night. He has some good stories to tell. The items he restored were bound for Ft. Benton, Montana, and the gold fields. The items he restored are now on display at the Desoto Snow Goose Reserve along the Missouri north of Omaha. They have placed all the items in a re-creation of a general store that would have received all these items in 1867. The quality and variety

of the goods is amazing. Friday nights are the only time we can tour the Restoration and Conservation department, since the museum is open late on Fridays and security is present to protect the art. Let me know if you are interested in attending and going to dinner afterward. Of course you can attend the event and not have to go to dinner.

In May we will be planning on traveling up to Eaton to see the Washing Machine Museum there and then have lunch at the local country club. Jerry Pache will be our guide.

Later in May we will be participating in the Memorial Day Parade.

In June we hope many of our members will be joining the Great Circle Tour to Steamboat from the 19th through the 22nd. See the article on the tour in this issue. You must call the Nordic Lodge by April 14th to book a room at the special low rate. The hotel's number is 800-364-0331.



Steamboat Springs Tour, June 19-22

By John Cullinan

June 19-22 is the date of this year's summer tour to Steamboat. 20 rooms have been blocked out at the Nordic Lodge, 800-364-0331. You must book your room by April 14th to get the special reduced rates. Queen Rooms are \$89, King Rooms are \$99, Rooms with two queen beds are \$109, a suite is \$119. Cancellations must be made by June 4th for a full refund. But I hope none of you who book rooms will have to cancel them. These rates are considerably lower than rates we were quoted by other hotels, some of which quoted us rooms above \$300. Since the Nordic Lodge is located in downtown Steamboat, you will find you will be within walking distance of 20 restaurants.

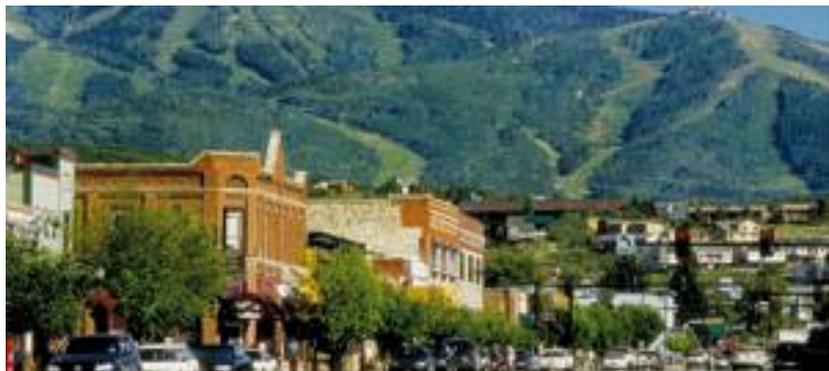
We are planning a scenic drive to Steamboat via lesser traveled roads. I am calling this the Great Circle Tour since we will not be returning by the same route we will take to get to Steamboat. Since Rabbit Ears pass is fairly steep and can be tough on old cars, an alternative route has been chosen. On the way back to Denver, we will go through North Park by way of Walden, Gould, and over Cameron Pass into the Poudre River Canyon and on to Fort Collins and home. Thursday evening our club will participate in the Annual Steamboat Cruise. All the local old cars in Steamboat will be driving through downtown and on to the ski area and then back to town. It will be as much a treat for us to

join the cruise as it will be for the locals to see our cars.

Friday will include a scenic tour, most likely up to Clark and Steamboat Lake, and then an open evening where you will be free to do as you choose. Some of us will enjoy the western music and BBQ at the fairgrounds before the rodeo starts. I am still looking at options for how we will spend Saturday daytime, but we will have a nice group dinner that evening. Sunday, we

will head back to Denver via the North Park Route and Cameron Pass. Many of us will not have driven this route before and will be in for some more new scenery. There will be a \$20 tour fee for this trip. Watch the April Dagmar for your registration form.

Remember, the 14th of April is closer than you think, so book now for the best rooms. Call the Nordic Lodge at 800-364-0331. Happy highways.



2009 Cadillac CTS-V at Detroit Auto Show
Photos courtesy of Blaise Flaherty

Auto enthusiasts will be beating a path to Cadillac for the new 2009 CTS-V with a 550 horsepower V-8 and a choice of a 6 speed manual or 6 speed automatic transmission!



Cadillac CTS Coupe at Detroit Auto Show *Photos courtesy of Blaise Flaherty*

One of the best kept secrets to surprise everyone at the Detroit Auto show was the stunning new Cadillac CTS coupe prototype. As Cadillac put it, once we saw the design it was a car we had to build. Let's hope this one sees production!



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Monthly Meeting:

Regular business meetings of the Rocky Mountain Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club are held the second Tuesday of each month, starting at 7:30 pm. We meet at the TDS/J.W. Brewer Tire Co. 11900 W. 44th Ave., Wheat Ridge, CO. This is near the Ward Road and I-70 exit.

The Dagmar:

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<http://www.cadillaclasalleclub.org>

Cadillac & LaSalle Club Winter Board Meeting Highlights

Submitted by Tim Coy, Rocky Mountain Region board representative

Scottsdale, Arizona,
Friday, January 18, 2008

CLC Museum 2007 fundraiser—The matching program was an overwhelming success, with over \$33,000 raised, over \$8,000 above the \$25,000 goal. The Museum will realize a contribution of over \$66,000 from the CLC as a result of the matching program.

GM Discount—The CLC will ask General Motors if they have any interest in giving CLC members a discount on new cars. It's not known yet if this will be restricted to Cadillacs or open to any GM product.

Single Point Membership—The board discussed at length this idea, submitted by Paul Olson of the Rocky Mountain Region. The board felt strongly that if it were adopted in its present format, it would take away the personal contact a Region provides to its members.

A question was brought up: Why not have all the Regions collect the national dues, too? The only roadblock to this idea is that if a member belongs to multiple Regions, it would become extremely confusing. A Region would be compelled to immediately submit the dues to the national Club so the member begins receiving their first copy of The Self-Starter in a timely manner.

Mike Book, CLC Office manager, feels the Regions need to take on the responsibility of membership enforcement, not placing all the onus on the CLC Office.

Larry Lesiger, CLC treasurer, says it is already an accounting nightmare to separate CLC Museum donations and dues. He felt that to add in Region dues would make this problem a lot worse.

Due to Regions now having non-standardized dues structures, it would create a lot of problems as well.

The board is not anti the concept, they are anti the methodology of carrying it out. A step in the right direction is to require Regions to standardize their dues and collection structure and make it all consistent.

Only 5 percent of Region members are not members of the national Club. The board felt this was a small percentage and did not vote to do anything about this issue.

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Senior First Place—The CLC will develop a procedure to further honor winners in the Senior Division at Grand Nationals.

Lifetime memberships—This actually is a money-losing proposition for the CLC. Prices may be raised in the near future.

Regional VP compensation—The board approved the expenditure of up to \$1,000 annually so Regional vice presidents may travel to their Regions for activities.

Electronic voting—Votnow.com proposed to the CLC that members may vote online for CLC board and CLC Museum board elections. A postcard or First-Class letter would be sent to CLC members who don't have a valid e-mail address on file with the Club. Those with an e-mail address would receive an e-mail with a link embedded so they can immediately vote. The cost to implement electronic voting, however, is double (over \$4,000 vs. less than \$2,000) what we presently pay for the booklet printing and manual tabulation of votes. The member pays the postage on the postcard. The board decided to continue the current procedure until the price is more competitive.

Chapter representation—It was requested that Chapters, like Regions, be given at least one seat each on the board. The board denied that request because each Chapter already has a member who also serves on the CLC board anyway.

This board member can represent the Chapter as well as a Region. This is the third time the CLC board has turned down this request.

Rocky Mountain Region project—The board unanimously approved our request to add the clocks and thermometers to our ad in *The Self-Starter*. As long as a project is for Region and CLC fundraising and not for any commercial endeavor, licensing fees do not have to be paid to General Motors for use of Cadillac logos on products.

Canadian group status—Presently, there is one regional group in Canada and a new group wants to form in the Vancouver, B.C., area. The Executive Committee will determine whether these groups will be termed as Regions or International Affiliates.

The Self-Starter—Dennis J. Dascenzo of Plymouth, Mich., will begin work March 1 as advertising manager, taking over for the late Liz Coy. I will work closely with Dennis to effect a smooth transition.

A special 50th anniversary issue is scheduled to publish in August or September. Subcommittees will be formed to collaborate with the editor and me to create an issue that will be a keepsake.

Meets and Tours—Special awards will be designed for the winners at this year's Grand National meet in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, celebrating the CLC's 50th birthday. This year also marks the 100th anniversary of General Motors, and celebrations of that mile-

stone will occur as well at the Grand National.

The 2009 Grand National is set for mid-June in Las Vegas. Room rates for the Grand National will be at their lowest point in many years—\$60 per night, increasing to \$100 per night on Friday and Saturday.

Information technology—Jeff Hansen, VP of Information technology, announced he will step down from his position when his term ends in August. He has served the CLC in this capacity the past 10 years.

Club Financial Report *By Brent Hladky*

Although 2007 finished with a small loss of slightly more than \$500 dollars, the club remains very fiscally solid with more than \$17,000 in funds. Our largest expense continues to be this newsletter, *The Dagmar*. In 2007 we also continued to support needy families during the Christmas Season with a donation of close to \$700 to the Salvation Army. These funds were raised throughout the year through both auctions at our monthly meetings and donations from our membership. During the year we also supported, either in whole or in part, a number of events including the very successful barbeque and car viewing at Rod Brewer's garage. Our records will soon be passed on to long time club member Leonard Johnson for review and preparation of final statements including our annual tax return. Leonard provides these services to us at no charge, so thanks again Leonard for your generous support!

Cars & Parts or Sale

1987 Cadillac Coupe DeVille — mint body and interior — needs engine work. 77K miles, pale yellow with dark brown Cabriolet top, spoke caps. \$795 OBO

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Official List Of RMRCLC Sponsored Functions

Saturday, March 15th, St. Patrick's Day parade. Downtown Denver, see article on page 4

April 4th, Friday evening tour of Denver Art Museum Restoration and Conservation department.

May 10th, Saturday tour of Washing Machine Museum and lunch at Vista Ridge golf course

May 17th, Abbey car show, Canon City

May 24th, Memorial Day parade, Denver, with the lady Marines

June 19th—22nd. The Great Circle Tour to White Sulfur Hot Springs, North Park, Cameron Pass, Poudre River Valley, Red Feather Lakes and back to Denver.

Friday, July 4th, Scenic tour to Pine and Buffalo Creek to attend the ole time ice cream social at the Little Chapel in the Hills. A historic tour and patriotic event.

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>

Fall, Annual regional show, possibly at McCaddon's Cadillac in Boulder. In planning stage, date to be announced.

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

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

Other: Burger and taco runs will be organized on some weekends in May, June, July, August and September. More information to follow in subsequent issues of The Dagmar. We will hit some new places of interest this year on our burger and taco runs and include a visit to a historic or educational site as part of the runs.

Other Events

Saturday, March 8—Professional Car Society Micro Meet—for more information call Joe Unrein 303-918-3800

Saturday, April 12—Car Show to benefit the Ms. Wheelchair Colorado program, 10 AM, Westminster Senior Center at 72nd and Hooker. \$20 per car, For information call 303-393-8014

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