



The *Dagmar*

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We Brunched, We Munched By Jim Salmi

Neither snow nor slush nor lack of washer fluid prevented a hardy (or hungry) band of twenty seven CLC members and guests from attending the annual Membership Appreciation brunch at Mount Vernon Country Club on Sunday, the 21st of February. This was a change of pace from the traditional Saturday night dinner, and feedback from those who attended was positive. In addition to our contingent, there were plenty of other people also brunching and the room was pretty well filled. We had four tables adjacent to each other and close to the food stations. Real estate is always location, location, location. The dining room definitely has a different feel in the daytime, and the view was very nice with the snow coming down. Being in the daytime, the light was brighter and it was much easier to see who was there, which facilitated intermingling between tables. Mount Vernon put on a good feed for us, with chicken, beef, salads, fruit, and a huge dessert station. No one had an excuse (other than watching their waist line) for leaving hungry, that's for sure.



Among the attendees were Brenda Gorman, who brought Skipper's long lost son and his wife, whom she met for the first time shortly after Skip's death last fall. That is a long story which we will leave to

Brenda for the telling.

Once again, thanks to Jeanne and Harry Tiffany for being our hosts!





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

It's membership renewal season. Have you sent in the form from your February Dagmar along with your \$30? If you have, thank you very much. If not, kindly do so right away. The club is doing well financially and we would like to keep it that way.

You will read elsewhere about the brunch at Mt. Vernon Country Club. It was a successful kickoff for our 2010 activities. Thanks to Jim Salmi and Harry and Jeanne Tiffany for putting together another wonderful event in the foothills.

Our next event is the St. Patrick's Day parade. You still have a few days to get your car cleaned up and running. All of us need an excuse to get the car out that first time, so here is your excuse. The parade should be held about a week after you received this Dagmar. Be sure to give Jim Salmi, your VP of Fun, a call to let him know you will be attending.

At the past two monthly meetings Jim has passed around a long list of activities needing sponsors. Several of you have signed up, but more are still

needed. As we get close to spring we need to start loading up our calendar with events. Please call Jim to see how you can help. It really isn't very much work to write an article advertising the event and another one telling of its success. Our editor, Dave Leger, will even help edit your articles, if you don't think you are the best writer in the club.

Speaking of spring, I'm looking forward to getting my convertible out of its storage garage. I did manage to drive it a couple of times this winter when the roads were dry, but lately there has been too much ice in the alley to even think about getting it out. Do I have any volunteers to overhaul the carburetor for me? Gas mileage and performance are down, so I think it's time. I suspect that I will make a visit to Mr. Washburn's garage once the weather warms up a bit. I hope he is well and still accepting visitors.

You didn't pray hard enough. Last month I asked you to pray for me, since I had replaced the starter in my Eldorado four times. Well..... number four worked for a week. So many have failed that I don't remember what killed this one. Back to the re-builder, but only after a phone call to discuss the matter with them. Clearly, they had grown tired of me. They told me that I could have one more, but if it didn't work, they would give me a core (which is basically what I took to them in the first place) and give me my money back (implying they never want to see me again). In a very cold garage I replace the starter once more. This time

it lasted almost 24 hours, but died a slightly inconvenient death in the alley where I store my 1963 convertible. Fortunately, it was aimed downhill, so I was able to push it to near the end of the alley, away from all of the garage doors. The next morning I had it towed to Spitzer Auto Electric. Many of you may remember when Spitzer was located at 9th Ave. and Acoma St., about two minutes from my house. Now they are at 66th Ave. and North Washington. After much testing, a "new" starter was ordered. The mechanic made a big deal about how much better a "new" starter is than a "rebuilt" one. Ultimately, I decided that "new" simply means "rebuilt" in a factory instead of a shop in Denver. While we waited for delivery of the starter, the mechanic ran me down the hill to the rebuilding shop to return their last starter and get my money back. Perhaps you should consider using Spitzer if your car has electrical issues. Wasn't it convenient that the two shops are so close to each other? In went the new starter and off I went, wondering how long this one would last. I can be such a pessimist. I spent fully two hours with the mechanic and was charged \$80 for labor. That's pretty inexpensive!

Four days later I took the Eldorado to El Rancho for dinner. The starter, which had worked well for four days, clicked 6 times before starting the car. It has run well since then, but that one time was enough to keep me worried. Additional prayers would be appreciated.

Saint Pat Wants Your Cadillac or LaSalle *by Jim Salmi*

Once again this year, our club will be driving the two Jima veterans in the downtown Denver Saint Patrick's Day parade (March 13). If you would like to participate, please let me know (jcsalmi@gmail.com or 303-758-8930). Cadillacs and LaSalles are, of course, the order of the day, particularly convertibles. It's a fun parade and a good opportunity to publicize the club. We will be forming up near 30th and Blake, where we meet every year. The parade begins around 10:00 A.M., so we need to be there by no later than 9:30 A.M. It can get congested getting into the lot, so plan ahead. I will have more specifics to share when I receive them from our hosts. Please RSVP to me by the evening of the 12th if you plan to attend, so I can have an idea of how many cars to look for, and how many car signs to bring. Even if you don't want to drive, come on down and watch!

High Plains Tour June 11th, 12th, and Return Sunday the 13th *By John Washburn*

Art Cutler and I have been discussing the High Plains Tour. We were worried that a two day tour would involve too many hours on the road thus reducing the amount of fun. So we decided to drive the tour route on February 19th and 20th, of course it snowed. The following reflects the changes to the tour that will allow for less driving and

more choices for the participants.

We plan to kick the tour off from the Safeway in Elizabeth, Colorado. Our goal is to leave the parking lot of the Safeway at 9:00 am. For those who might need coffee there is a Starbucks in the Safeway. We will take Colorado 86, east, to I-70. Then we will stay on I-70 till we reach the town of Flagler, around 11:00 am. We will stop at the diner in Flagler for nourishment. This establishment serves good food and pie. There is a pink Cadillac mounted on a post in front of the restaurant.

Around noon, or so, we will depart for Burlington. The trip should take around an hour. Once we reach Burlington we have three stops. Some may not want to do all three so it is up to the participant to decide what they want to do. The three stops are: The Old Town Museum at 420 South 14th Street, lots of old buildings that are restored, tractors, and lots of stuff celebrating life on the plains; second is the Kit Carson County Carousel & Museum, which is at 815 15th Street - at the Fairgrounds; third is a visit to Frank Lund's Historic Chevrolet and Cadillac Dealership Building. The building is on Senter Street, between 13th and 14th Streets. Frank's building is in its original condition and should be appreciated for its authenticity, lots of cars stashed in the buildings, old stuff, and cars being restored. Frank is a great guy.

Our goal is to let the participants enjoy as much of Burlington as they like before

heading on to Goodland, Kansas. We plan to stay, as a group, at the Comfort Inn, on 2519 Enterprise in Goodland (785+899-7181). Dinner will be at 7:00 pm at either the Crazy R (1618 Main St.) or the On the Bricks Café (1530 Main St.), they are a block apart on Main Street. You pick the one you like best. Art and I had breakfast at the On the Bricks Café and really enjoyed it. Saturday we plan to graze at the hotel's free breakfast offering, then tour to the City of Goodland Museum - High Plains, at 1717 Cherry Avenue. It is open 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. It also celebrates life on the plains and has some interesting artifacts including the obligatory "Sod House".

Saturday will pretty much be at your own pace. After you tour the museum in Goodland, the next stop is Kit Carson, where the Railroad Station has been restored and is now a museum. It is interesting since this one also housed the station master and his family. Also, this town has great homemade pie, this will be discussed during the event - handouts will be provided.

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Calling All Cars

Mr. John Washburn is looking at hosting another of his well received auto clinics. If you might be interested, please let him know:

Call: 303+646-6105

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john.washburn@att.net

Attend the Grand National & Visit Kansas City

By Nancy Tucker

Mark your calendars for the GN in July! If your schedule allows, this should be a must for all RMRCLC members. The GN is our own very special event, a great car show, and this is probably the closest and easiest opportunity you will ever have to visit a CLC national event (other than the ones we have hosted, of course).

K.C. is my home town and I love it - if you haven't been there, you will be pleasantly surprised as it is not like you imagine. It is a gorgeous, hilly city, full of beautiful fountains and statues and there is a lot to see and do.

A volunteer is needed to organize and lead those driving from Denver to K.C. It has also been suggested that we invite members from other western states to gather in Denver and make the drive with our group.

The GN hotel is in Overland Park, a nice area very much like the Tech Center of Denver. There are restaurants and shopping centers galore. However, if you are interested in actually seeing and getting to know the city, I have some great suggestions for you. My "must see" favorites (some of which are included in the GN materials you have received) are:

1. Country Club Plaza - called "The Plaza". Built in the early

1920s, it was the nation's first suburban shopping district. It is blocks of beautiful Spanish architecture and tiles, fountains, shops and restaurants. The gem of Kansas City, it is a great place to stroll. A few blocks away is the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, well worth the visit if you are interested.

2. On your way to the Plaza, take a beautiful scenic drive down Ward Parkway and venture off through the large mansions of Mission Hills. Our beautiful classics are right at home here! There is nothing in Denver or most cities to compare to the old grandeur of this area.

3. Throughout its history, Kansas City has been known for two things - BBQ and jazz. The historic 18th and Vine district is where it all began. Go there to eat at the original Arthur Bryant's and Gates BBQ restaurants - nothin' fancy, but the real thing. Nearby are two not-to-miss museums - very modern with interactive displays and multi-media presentations. One is the American Jazz Museum with great music and exhibits, and the other is the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, preserving this rich piece of history. Both are interesting, even if you are not a huge fan.

4. Just south of downtown and high on a hill is the Liberty Memorial and the National World War I Museum. The view is spectacular, looking down on the historic Union Station and beyond to the downtown skyline. And just east is Crown Center, international headquarters of Hall-

mark cards and 3 stories of shops and restaurants, with a raised and enclosed walkway to Union Station.

5. North of downtown, built in the early 1800s, is the historic River Market area. It has been revitalized to include antique shops, a few restaurants, a farmer's market, and the Arabia Steamboat Museum, which is included in one of the offered tours.

And here's a tip.....to sound like you are "in the know", do not say you are going to be in Kansas City, Kansas. You will be in a suburb of Kansas City, on the Kansas side, but that is different! On the Kansas side you have Kansas City, Kansas on the north (Wyandotte county) and similar to Commerce City or Thornton. On the Kansas side, on the south (Johnson county), is Overland Park as well as other suburbs. It is similar to Englewood and Littleton. State Line is a long street dividing Kansas from Missouri and is comparable to University Ave. in Denver - more residential than commercial. Missouri is the older and more historic part of the city, including downtown, the Plaza, Crown Center, and most of the historic sights.

Make it a good RMRCLC showing!

Fountain in the Plaza





Union Station

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The next stop, if you are interested, is Fort Wallace. The museum is housed in 4 historic buildings. One of the buildings is the old stagecoach building. This old Fort should be an interesting stop. Next we will tour to Colby, Kansas. We are staying at the Comfort Inn on 2225 S. Range Avenue (phone: 785+462-3833).



Negro Leagues Baseball Museum

Once you get to Colby, if you feel the need for another museum, Colby offers the Prairie Museum of Art and History. This museum is very nice and offers a Cooper Barn, Sod House, Country Church, One Room School House, a 1930's Home, and a Barn and Windmill. Saturday and Sunday open from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.



Liberty Memorial

Dinner that night will be at the City Limits Grill, located adjacent to the Comfort Inn. Our goal is to have dinner starting a 7:00 pm, nothing formal, but folks can sit with whom they want. The restaurant has a reasonably priced menu, and the food is good. Art and I have eaten there twice so far. We may have to make reservations

since this place can get busy. On Sunday nothing is planned. Folks can head back on Highway 40 or take I-70. We thought it would be best to allow folks who want to get back early to do so. So it is up to you to plan how you want to return home and what you want to do on the way. For those who decide to join us on the tour we will provide all the necessary information and maps on Friday at the Elizabeth Safeway.

If you would like to attend, please let me know no later than May 17th so I can make sure the hotel and restaurants are ready for us. Once we figure out who will go we will negotiate with the hotel for parking. Both places think they can make space for us to park. If we get enough interest we might be able to negotiate the room rates. It looks like a room will be around \$65.00 for two persons.

Contact me at: john.washburn@att.net or call me on 303+646-6105.



Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art



Rocky Mountain Region CLC
2010 Proposed Activities*

***subject to change**

(as of February 23, 2010)

Proposed Activities:	Leader:	Date:
St. Patrick's Day Parade	Jim Salmi	March 13
Cussler Museum Tour	Don Braden	May (early?)
VFW/Lafayette Car Show/Cookout	John Evans	May 15
Memorial Day Parade	Jim Salmi	May 29
Car tune-up clinic	John Washburn	To be determined
High Plains Tour	J. Washburn/A. Cutler	June 11-13
Havana Cruise/picnic	Open	June 19
Father's Day car show	Blaise Flaherty	Jun 20
Rossi Tour (or viewing & breakfast)	Open	Unknown
4 th of July parade	Jim Salmi	July 4
Grand National	Paul Olson	July 14-17
Orphan Car Show/Burger Run	Tom Orton	Jul 31
Cruise Golden	Brad Bauer	Aug 7
Wild Animal Sanctuary (Keenesburg)	Jeanne Tiffany	Aug 14
Labor Day Parade (Louisville)	Tim Coy	Sep 4
Regional Meet/McCaddon	Leonard Johnson	Sep ??
Akron air show	John Cullinan	Sep 12
Colfax Cruise/picnic @ East High School	Open	Sep 18
Wildlife Experience (I-25 & Lincoln)	Jeanne Tiffany	Oct ??
Veterans Day Parade	Jim Salmi	Nov 13?

Proposed Activities needing a leader:

Georgetown July 4 Parade

Rossi Tour

Havana Cruise

Colfax Cruise

If you can help out with one of the events above, please contact Jim Salmi, contact information on page 10 of this issue.

Annual Renewal



It is that time of year to renew your membership in the Rocky Mountain Region of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club. Dues are up for renewal on March 1, 2010. Membership dues are \$30 per year. Be part of the activities, festivities and fellowship hosted by this region. It is a great way to show off your Cadillac or LaSalle and learn more about your car from other members.

Mail your membership to:
Cadillac and LaSalle Club- Rocky Mountain Region
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**Aakron Air and
Car Show
September 11, 2010
By John Cullinan**

One of the tours we are considering for this year would be a drive to Akron, Colorado (not Ohio), to attend and participate in the 8th annual National Radial Engine Exhibition.

The show includes a display of aircraft from 1920's to the 1950's as well as a car show featuring muscle, antique and classic cars, as well as classic motorcycles. There will also be a radio controlled airplane demonstrations.

On a more active note, there will also be aerobatic demonstrations, and a World War II battle reenactment with guns blazing and aerial support. One of the highlights of the show is Walt Pierce flying his old Stearman bi-plane, Ol' Smokey, featuring a wing walking act. This year there will also be a fly-in by a number of bi-planes from all over the country. A P-51 Mustang, Cadillac of the Sky, will also be on display and flying.

This year the Flagship Detroit, the oldest flying DC-3, will be flying in for the show. The DC-3 was a collaboration between Douglas Aircraft and American Airlines to make what was termed the flag ship passenger airliner. During WWII the DC 3 did work horse duty under the Army Air Force designation as a C-47. As a six year old I remember flying on one of these from Chicago to Traverse City, Michigan. They were still being used in



the '50s for regular air service and recently were still being used in South America, often for illicit purposes.

I would hope many of you would like to attend this air show and caravan out with us early on Saturday morning with a return the same day. The car show, which we would participate in, would begin at

9 so if we left north Denver around 6:15 we would be there in time. The car show ends early after the award ceremony and we could be back home while the sun is still shining.

Let me know if you are interested by emailing me at juancuill@aol.com or by calling me at 303-738-3981.



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Saturday, March 13th St. Patrick's Day parade

Saturday, May 15th, VFW car show

Saturday, May 29th, Memorial Day parade

Saturday, June 12th, High Plains Tour

July 14th - 17th, Grand National

Other Events

Saturday, April 17th, Pueblo Memorial Car Show, for info: Daniel Kirk 720-280-2025

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