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MONTHLY MEETINGS

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.rmrccl.com and the national site at www.cadillaclasalleclub.org.

NEWS IN BRIEF

FROM JOHN HENRY: ACCESS THE RMRCCLC CALENDAR

Here is a tip for viewing the RMRCCLC calendar on your smart phone. First, you must have a Google account. This provides Google based email, a calendar and other things. This is easiest to setup on a p.c. You can access your calendar once you login. After that, find "Other calendars" then "Add a friend's calendar". Enter rmrccl@rmrccl.com as your friends address. You will immediately be able to see the RMRCCLC calendar without going to the RMRCCLC website. Now, on your smart phone, search for "Google calendar" and you will find a link that will allow you to log into your Google account. You will then be able to view your calendar which will include RMRCCLC events. Don't do this while driving!

FROM JOHN WASHBURN: ROTY AWARD UPDATE

The excitement grew as the members arrived for the February RMRCCLC meeting. Those in the know wondered who would receive the coveted Redneck Of The Year – Award (ROTY-A) created by the infamous Porter Littlefield. Porter a master woodworking craftsmen who hails from Maine, created these awards for those local Club Members who have given their all to the Club. Porter wanted two members to receive this exceptional award. Sadly, only one of the recipients was in attendance at the February meeting. So our own Timmy Coy was awarded the ROTY-A to tumultuous applause. He was underwhelmed but confident he could continue to contribute to the ROTY cause. One additional club member will be the recipient of the prestigious award. So attend the next meeting. You could be the next ROTY-A winner!



For those of you not in attendance to witness the presentation, John's shirt reads: "TOO MUCH π Can Give You a Large Circumference"! A picture is worth a thousand words!!

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE FROM JOHN SERFLING

The activity season has officially begun. Please read Jim Salmi's article on the success of the Brunch on February 26th. I'm sure a good time was had by all. We don't have any other activities scheduled until May, so you have plenty of time to get ready for the next one. There isn't much club news to report other than that.

This has been an unusual winter for me. Normally, I take my '63 convertible out of its garage several times during the winter on nice days. We haven't had all that many nice days, I guess. The nearly two feet of snow that fell in early February hasn't helped any. There is still a ridge of snow and ice nearly a foot deep at the base of the garage door. I hope it melts by mid-March, but I'm not holding my breath. It is definitely time to start making a list of what needs to be done to it in order to drive it this spring.

The first order of business will be to figure out why the turn signal switch doesn't work. I'm pretty sure the problem is at the lever inside the steering column. For those of you who aren't familiar with the early tilt steering wheels, the turn signal switch is at the base of the steering column near the firewall. A Bowden cable connects the lever to the switch. I believe that a mechanic tried to make the turn signals work while the wheel was tilted up. The turn signals don't work in that position. There isn't any way to

prove this theory, so I will just endeavor to repair it myself and never give anyone the opportunity to break it again.

Last month I told you about the temperature of the air coming from the heater vent dropping while going up a hill. Since then, I have noticed that the air wasn't very warm while driving in town. I had to be low on fluid in the radiator (the obvious cause), but the overflow tank was at the full mark. A few months ago I overheard Tom Orton telling someone at a club meeting that if your overflow system doesn't work properly, it is probably because there is a crack in the hose from the radiator to the overflow tank. Sure enough there was. I replaced the hose, but intentionally did not completely refill the radiator. I wanted to see the level of the fluid in the reservoir drop. It didn't. Why not? A few days later I drove the car from downtown to near 6th and Sheridan, which warmed it up very well. About 15 minutes after shutting off the engine, I was showing someone the engine and I noticed that fluid was sputtering out from where the hose that returns fluid from the engine to the radiator attaches to the radiator. The hose clamp was quite loose. Now that it is tight, the heater works very well, thank you.

The old car wasn't happy with just that amount of attention. The front reservoir in the master cylinder was

quite low on fluid for the second time in four months. At the last oil change, the mechanic checked all of the wheel cylinders, but didn't find any leaks. I have seen brake fluid dripping from the back of the master cylinder onto the exhaust manifold, but I haven't found the source of the leak yet. Nothing drips from where the brake lines are attached and I don't see any cracks in the casting, even using a mirror to look at the under side of it. The next place I will look is where the master cylinder attaches to the power booster. In the mean time, the fluid level is staying constant, so the leak probably isn't too serious—yet.

We continue to meet at the Denver Elks Lodge on 26th Ave, near Speer Blvd. and I-25. For those of you who haven't joined us yet, the Elks Lodge serves soup and salad, beef or bison hamburgers, fries and dessert for only \$10. Those of you who only want 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. ♦



Wear the GREEN on March 17th





**ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR REPORT
FROM JIM SALMI**

BRUNCH IN A NEW ‘HOOD

The 2012 Rocky Mountain Region’s activities season has now officially begun with the membership brunch on Sunday, February 26th. After the passing of our longtime member, Harry Tiffany, we needed to find a new location and settled on The Old Neighborhood Restaurant in Arvada. The weather was chilly but sunny and bright. Thirty-two RMRCLC members attended (one more than last year!). The Old Neighborhood has hosted car clubs before and they came highly recommended. We were seated in our own alcove which made things even nicer. The noon brunch was the choice this year. A large salad bar, dessert tray, an omelet station and other brunch items were on offer. The servers did a good job keeping our beverage glasses full. It’s a good sized place and there were plenty of customers to keep us company without being right next to us. The size of the brunch selection was comparable to Mount Vernon, and while we didn’t have the mountain view we used to enjoy, the restaurant is very nice. Please let me know your opinion on this new venue for our annual brunch.

This event is a nice way to begin our activities and with the new, closer-in location, hopefully some additional members will be attending next year. Thanks to all who did make it. As you can see in the list of proposed activities for this year, below, we have room for more. So please send me any suggestions for things to do this year. Summer will be here before you know it. ♦

**Rocky Mountain Region CLC
2012 Proposed Activities**

(as of February 18, 2012)

Proposed Activities:	Leader:	Date:
Shepler’s BPOC Show and Shine	N/A	May 12
Memorial Day Parade	J. Salmi	May 26
Pueblo Area Tour	Washburn/Cutler	June 7-10
Grand National	N/A	June 13-16
Havana Cruise	Bob Lyons	June 16
Father’s Day Car Show	Blaise Flaherty	June 17
July Fourth ??	Open	July 4
Tune-up Clinic	John Washburn	July/Aug?
VFW Cookout	John Evans	Aug 4
Golden Cruise	Brad Bauer	Open
Labor Day Parade (Louisville)	T. Coy/J. Evans	Sep 3
Colfax Cruise/picnic @ East High School	B. Lyons/B. Bauer	Sep 15?
Regional Meet/McCaddon Cadillac	L. Johnson	Open
National Driving Tour (Las Vegas)	N/A	Oct 13-14
Veterans Day Parade	J. Salmi	Nov 10







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

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION CADILLAC & LA SALLE CLUB
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
February 14, 2012**

Director John Serfling called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Elk's Lodge. There were 29 in attendance.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes from last meeting are posted in *The Dagmar* and on the RMRCLC web-site.

TREASURER'S REPORT: No report.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: No report.

CCCC REPORT: No report.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

- Tim Coy reported on business discussed at the recent national winter board meeting. Membership remains stable at 7231 members. *The Self Starter* will be posted on the internet in April as a one-month test to determine membership interest in reading online. We had a booth at the Barrett-Jackson auction. In 2015 the Grand National will be held in Las Vegas and Tim suggested that our chapter members may again want to caravan to this event.

- John Evans presented an attractive wall clock that Wayne Shmitka made using the Rocky Mountain Region logo that John designed. Contact Wayne if you wish to purchase one. (See picture below)

- Brad Bauer gave an update on James Sears. Brad also spoke of the good service he has received at Rickenbaugh Cadillac.

- John Washburn presented Tim Coy with the ROTY (Redneck of the Year) award for outstanding contribution to the Cadillac cause.

- Ray Guerre gave a 5 minute car story.

UPCOMING EVENTS: (See page 6 for the latest list of Proposed Events)

National Board Meeting hosted in Denver – January 10-12-2013. Tim Coy gave an update. Proposed tours include the Tebo collection, Cussler museum, Rod Brewer's collection, and Rickenbaugh Cadillac behind the scenes.

CHRISTMAS CHARITY PROJECT:

\$71 was collected for the fund.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Tucker, Secretary



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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.

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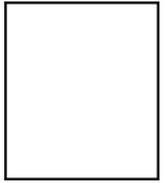
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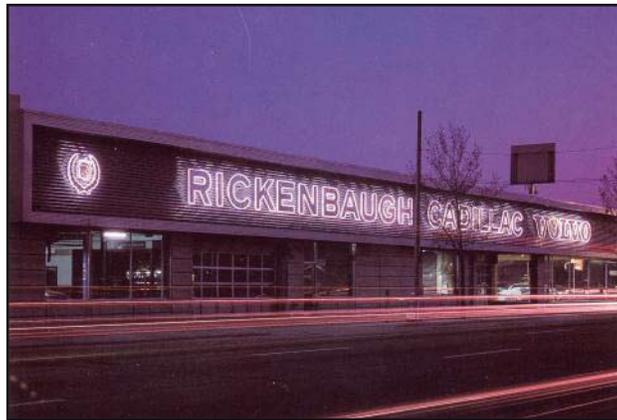
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