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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.

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Display ads are \$15 per issue or \$125 per year prepaid for a business card size ad. Larger ads are available (contact the Editor for more information).

CLASSIFIED ADS

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.

WEB SITE

Be sure to visit our web site at www.rmrclc.com and the national site at www.cadillaclasalleclub.org.

FROM THE EDITOR:

REMEMBER WHEN...

For those who never saw any of the Burma Shave signs, here is a quick lesson in our history of the 1930's and '40's. Before there were interstates, when everyone drove the old 2 lane roads, Burma Shave signs would be posted all over the countryside in farmers' fields. They were small red signs with white letters. Five signs, about 100 feet apart, each containing 1 line of a 4 line couplet and the obligatory 5th sign advertising Burma Shave, a popular shaving cream.

Here are more of the actual signs:

DON'T STICK YOUR
ELBOW

DROVE TOO LONG

OUT SO FAR

DRIVER SNOOZING

IT MAY GO HOME

WHAT HAPPENED
NEXT

IN ANOTHER CAR.

IS NOT AMUSING

Burma-Shave

Burma-Shave

THE ONE WHO
DRIVES

PASSING SCHOOL
ZONE

WHEN HE'S BEEN
DRINKING

TAKE IT SLOW

DEPENDS ON YOU

LET OUR LITTLE

TO DO HIS
THINKING

SHIVERS GROW

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**DIRECTOR'S COLUMN
FROM BRAD BAUER**

Hello Cadillac Rangers... Welcome to March 2014, get those engines warmed up as Spring is coming. I may be pushing the season just a bit but as many of you know I HATE the cold winter months and live for return of the warm sunny days that we all love about living in Colorado. I broke out a few of my beauties this last weekend driving them up and down Highlands Ranch Parkway with anticipation of all the fun activities the club has planned for this summer.

At our last club meeting we made huge progress for a great summer as we firmed up dates for many exciting events. With much group participation, there are some great ideas and RMRCLC is promising a summer that will have people talking. There is a trip planned for the group to go to Rapid City for a driving tour as well as Colorado Springs and even a camping trip staying at a vintage RV park... yes, with restored vintage RV trailers to stay in! Can you picture our collection of beautiful Cadillac's parked in front of a bunch of Air Stream Campers? How much fun will that be? Bam! That will be a photo opportunity enough to make a 24 month calendar. Stay tuned as the events unfold. We are always looking for people to help coordinate these events. If you are interested please get with one of the board

members so that we can direct you to the proper person.

As many of you know from the last several months of meeting minutes, we have been reviewing many charities in which to donate for our Christmas fund. I am happy to announce that the membership has voted for the Fisher House.

Fisher House Foundation is best known for a network of comfort homes where military and veterans' families can stay at no cost while a loved one is receiving treatment.

These homes are located at major military and VA medical centers nationwide, close to the medical center or hospital they serve. Fisher Houses have up to 21 suites, with private bedrooms and baths. Families share a common kitchen, laundry facilities, a warm dining room and an inviting living room. Fisher House Foundation ensures that there is never a lodging fee. Since inception, the program has saved military and veterans' families an estimated \$200 million in out of pocket costs for lodging and transportation. Fisher House Foundation also operates the Hero Miles program, using donated frequent flyer miles to bring family members to the bedside of injured service members as well as the Hotels for Heroes program using donated

hotel points to allow family members to stay at hotels near medical centers without charge. The Foundation also manages a grant program that supports other military charities and scholarship funds for military children, spouses and children of fallen and disabled veterans.

- Families Served: More than 22,000 in 2013.
- Daily capacity: 812 families.
- Families served: More than 200,000 since inception.
- Number of lodging days offered: Over 5.2 million.
- 7,000 students have received \$11,000,000 in scholarship awards.
- Over 45,000 airline tickets provided by Hero Miles to service members and their families, worth nearly \$60 million.

We look forward our contribution from the RMRCLC to this well deserved foundation. I personally want to thank everyone who brought forward their Charity to be considered. We will be voting at the beginning of each year for the next year's selection so keep your eyes peeled through the year for a worthwhile organization. It could be next years recipient.

Until then, Im looking forward to seeing everyone at next month's action packed meeting. 

**FROM OUR REGIONAL WORLD
TRAVELER, NANCY TUCKER:**

I just returned from Myanmar (Burma) and Thailand. This beauty was the only American car I saw and it was on the streets of Bangkok.





**SECRETARY'S MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
FROM LISA WHITE**



**ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION CADILLAC & LA SALLE CLUB
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
February 11, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER: The Meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m.

DIRECTORS WELCOME: There were no guests. There were two members that came in from Colorado Springs.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes are posted in *The Dagmar* and on the RMRCLC website.

TREASURERS REPORT: So far this year the club has raised \$145.00 for the Christmas fund. Three payments of \$125.00 were received for advertisements in *The Dagmar*.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Linda Clubine reported that she had been sending out membership renewal notices and has had a good response. She also asks that IF anyone has the desire or need to resign membership to please let her know as soon as possible.

CCCC REPORT: There was nothing to report.

CHRISTMAS CHARITY DONATIONS: \$71.00 dollars was collected for the Christmas Charity. A vote was taken to choose a charity for this year. The choices for charities were Families First, The Fisher House, Shining Star and the Tennyson Center. Families First received 6 votes, The Fisher House received 9 votes, Shining Star received 7 votes and the Tennyson Center did not receive any votes.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS: A letter was received from our guests that were at our January meeting (Gary and Lucy Pret) and they also sent flyers to give to members that had information on their 1989 El Dorado they are selling. In their letter they thanked us for our hospitality. They also offered to give anyone in the club a small commission and a donation to our Christmas Charity if they help to sell the car.

Brad Bauer brought draft copies of the letters that will be sent to the local Cadillac dealerships and to *The Self Starter* regarding the recruitment of new members.

Members were reminded that articles for *The Dagmar* are due on or before the 25th of each month preceding publication.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS: There is a complete list of proposed and planned activities and events on page 5.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa White, Secretary





**ACTIVITIES
FROM JIM SALMI**

Rocky Mountain Region CLC
2014 Proposed Activities

(as of March 1)

Planned Activities:

Rosie's Diner Get Together
Memorial Day parade
Colo. Springs/WWII Museum
Sheplers BPOC Show
Abbey Car Show
Highlands Ranch Car Show
Cruizin' Havana
Fathers Day Show (possible)
Canon City Tour
Grand National
Johnson Garage Tour
Front Range Air/Car Show (verify)
Louisville Labor Day parade
Mt. Rushmore Driving Tour
Veterans Day Parade

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N/A
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J. Washburn (303.646.6105)/ J. Salmi
Jim Salmi (303.758.8930)

Date:

May 18
May 24
late April/early May
May 31
June 7
June 14
June 14
June 15
June ?
July 8-12
July 20
Aug. 16 ??
Sept. 1
Sept. ?
Nov. 8

Proposed Activities:

Medved Cadillac Car Show
BBQ Party
Summer Day Tour
Simms Happy Hour
McCaddon/Regional meet

Leader:

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Date:

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N/A = Not Applicable
?? = To be determined

Mark your calendars!



**UPCOMING AVIATION MUSEUM TOUR IN
COLORADO SPRINGS**



We are organizing a tour to the National World War II Aviation Museum in Colorado Springs. We are considering the date of April 19th. The tour will start with a leisurely drive down scenic highway 105, the old stage road to Monument and Colorado Springs. Our first stop will be Glen Eyrie Castle, the 65 room home of General Palmer, the founder of the Denver Rio Grande Railroad. Then we will caravan over to the Airplane Restaurant for lunch, a place full of aviation history. After lunch we will drive a few blocks to the National WWII Aviation Museum. The museum is unique in that everything in it flies or is in the process of being restored to fly again. The tour will be guided by a knowledgeable guide and will end in the restoration shop where you will see Corsairs and 6 P-38s being revived. The B-25 in the photo is also one of the planes that still flies. Don and I hope many of you join us for the Tour, the first of 2014.

DON BRADEN AND JOHN CULLINAN





MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH AT SIMMS STEAKHOUSE
FROM NANCY TUCKER ~ PHOTOS FROM JIM SALMI AND WAYNE SHMITKA

We once again celebrated a new year and the beginning of the car season with brunch at Simms Steakhouse on February 9th. It was a dreary and cold day made much warmer with the camaraderie of the 36 diners in attendance. It is always fun catching up with everyone's lives, including new car purchases, sales and repair woes. Cars bring us all together, but many friendships go back a lot of years and the discussions lead to family and other activities and interests.

Simms is a wonderful location for this brunch as we have a private, bright (and usually sunny) room, easy access from the highway, and plenty of parking. The buffet is delicious and extensive with made-to-order eggs, including eggs benedict and omelets, creme brule french toast, shrimp and crab legs, beef, assorted fruits and salads, yummy pastries and desserts, and many more side dishes. There is definitely something for everyone and most of us happily over-indulge while enjoying the full variety of selections. It was your own fault if you went away hungry. I'll bet I'm not the only one who had a short nap later in the afternoon!

Here's to the end of Winter and anticipation of our upcoming Club events! 





THE BOBBY DARIN "DREAM CAR"

VIA EMAIL



The 1960 DiDia 150 was a luxury, custom-designed iconic, handmade car also known as the "Dream Car" forever associated with its second owner, singer Bobby Darin. The car was designed by Andrew Di Dia, a clothing designer, who Bobby Darin had met whilst on tour in Detroit in 1957. Darin telling DiDia at the time that he would purchase the car if he ever "hit it big".



For seven years, from 1953 to 1960 the DiDia 150 was hand-built by four workers, at a cost of \$93,647.29 but sold to Darin in 1961 at a cost of over \$150,000 (1.5 million today). At the time the car was listed as most expensive custom-made car in the world by the Guinness Book of Records. The body was hand-formed by Ron Clark and constructed by Bob Kaiser from Clark Kaiser Customs.

Its metallic red paint was made with 30 coats of ground diamonds for



sparkle. Built in Detroit, Michigan, clothing designer Andrew 'Andy' Di Dia designed this "unrestrained and unconventional" automobile. Only one example was ever built.

The normal V8 engine is located at the front with an engine displacement of 427. It has a rear-wheel drive, the body and chassis is hand-formed from 064

aluminum with a 125-inch wheelbase alloy tube frame.

It has a glass cockpit in back, a squared steering wheel and thermostatically controlled air conditioning system.

The interior is rust colored in contrast to the ruby paint work. The design



included the first backseat-mounted radio speakers and hidden windshield wipers, that started themselves when it rained. Other features include retractable head lamps, rear indicators that swivel as the car turns, 'floating' bumpers and a trunk that was hinged from the driver's side. Each of the four bucket seats have their own thermostatically controlled air conditioning, individual cigarette lighters and ashtrays, as well as a radio speaker. The original engine, a Cadillac V8, was later replaced by a 427 high-performance by Ford when it was taken on the show circuit.

Darin drove his wife, Sandra Dee, in the car to the 34th Academy Awards in 1961. When Bobby drove the car to the Academy Awards, Andrew Di Dia and Steve Blauner followed behind him in a limousine. The car had two fans and a switch that you had to turn on. Bobby didn't realize, so it overheated. All the

magazines said the car caught fire but it didn't.



Di Dia toured the car around the country, when Darin wasn't using it for public appearances. After publicity and film use, Darin donated his "Dream Car" to the St. Louis Museum of Transportation in 1970 where it remains.



This is Andrew Di Dia, the car designer.





CADILLAC CONCEPT CARS

FROM WAYNE SHMITKA ~ CULLED FROM THE CADILLAC WEBSITE

Ciel

WEST COAST DESIGN INSPIRATION

Driving California's Highway 1 in an open car while the sun sets is the type of journey the Ciel team envisioned during its design. The Ciel's doors are hinged at the rear to reveal a sweeping view of the dramatic interior, accented with nickel-plated trim, exquisite Italian Olive wood and soft leather. Cadillac's heritage of advanced technology is evident everywhere you look, beginning with the Ciel's bold LED headlamps and tail lights.



THE ELEGANCE IN THE DETAILS

Simplicity, authenticity and spaciousness were the guiding principles when it came to developing the interior. Seats wrapped in glove-soft leather feature sloping bolsters that allow passengers to slide into them more comfortably. But perhaps the defining element is the incorporation of Italian Olive wood trim throughout. This special wood is a premium yet sustainable material, and in the Ciel came from a single, fallen tree, painstakingly prepared and specially cut.

LEADING-EDGE TECHNOLOGY IN THE CADILLAC TRADITION

Advanced technology highlights the Ciel interior. Transparent gauges are framed within a brushed-aluminum housing that has the intricate depth of a high-quality chronograph. A "floating" center console that runs from the front to the back features hidden connectivity portals for each passenger, allowing each to make dinner reservations, check the weather, or even upload photos of the journey via social media. Additional technology includes inductive charging and Bluetooth® connectivity. The final touches? Heated and cooled seats, a drawer containing sun lotion, sun glasses and towels, and aromatherapy that is controlled from the rear armrest

Cadillac Urban Luxury Concept

VISIONARY DESIGN

Despite the small exterior footprint, the Cadillac Urban Luxury Concept is roomy inside. Trimmed in exquisite materials, the interior conveys luxury with the use of refined materials, colors and lighting. The blue and grey leather is contrasted by fabrics selected for a high-tech look and feel, usually found in couture fashion. The sharp exterior profile is supported by forward-sweeping body lines that suggest motion even with stationary.



NEXT-GENERATION PERFORMANCE

Engineers have developed a concept hybrid propulsion system for the Urban Luxury Concept that includes a turbocharged 1.0L 3-cylinder engine employing electric assist technology, engine start-stop function, brake energy regeneration and a dry dual-clutch transmission. Based on extensive prototype and production experience, a combination of these technologies could offer projected fuel economy of 56 mpg in the city and 65 mpg on the highway, in a vehicle the size and configuration of the Urban Luxury Concept.

TOMORROW'S TECHNOLOGY

Today's dials and gauges are replaced by less intrusive and more intuitive options like projected readouts around the speedometer, multi-touch switches throughout the interior and touch-pad controls tucked around the steering wheel. And, to ensure the tiniest of travelers arrives safely, the Urban Luxury Concept integrates an Orbit Baby SmartHub™ docking station to help firmly secure a child's car seat.



Cadillac & LaSalle Classifieds

For Sale: UNIQUE SURVIVOR! 1982 Cadillac Eldorado Convertible. That's right Cadillac didn't make a convertible in 1982 but, Global Coach of Orlando, Florida did. This vehicle was customized direct from the factory by this quality car builder and customizer. The attention to detail is top notch. It is a one owner, 17,000 mile cream puff with great provenance. This unique car needs no restoration, it is in pristine original condition. The exterior is colonial yellow with midnight blue metallic accents. Interior is dark blue leather in pristine condition. Top is dark blue. Car has been garaged and professionally maintained its entire life. The car is an original numbers matching car. Call Tom at Motorworks Denver, 303-916- 9815, for further information and photos.



For Sale: Over 1000 model cars including more than 90 Cadillacs. Some notable Cadillacs still available are a 1910 Roadster (Franklin Mint), Joan Crawford's 1933 Towncar, Al Jolson's 1933 All Weather Phaeton, Al Capone's 1930 Armored Limo, Allan Ladd's 1959 Eldorado and Jane Mansfield's 1958 Eldorado. A very rare model (both model and actual car) is a 1960 Eldorado Braughm.

Many other makes of cars are also available including Chevrolet (over 450 examples), Pontiac, Oldsmobile, Buick, Ford, Lincoln, Mercury, Edsel, Thunderbird, Chrysler, Plymouth, Dodge, DeSoto, Hudson, Packard and many more American makes.

Also available are several foreign makes including Rolls-Royce, Bentley, Mercedes Benz, Mayback, Honch, Jaguar, Ferrari, Lamborghini, Maserati and others including one built in the USSR.

Contact Larry Dilts at 303.795.1673 for details.

For Sale: 1961 Cadillac Fleetwood. 91748 original miles. Color is white, interior tan, no rust and very clean. The front windshield is cracked and the right front fender is missing the Fleetwood emblem. All is in working order and runs well. Priced at \$7800.00. Contact Mike Mulligan in Parker, CO. at 303.805.7956 MEM4439@Q.com



For Sale: 1976 Cadillac Eldorado Convertible (\$15,000 in restorations). Asking price \$35,000 OBO. Legendary design, styling and engineering! Mint condition! WHAT CAN YOU BUY FOR THAT PRICE TODAY? 500 cubic in. engine with 40,000 miles. New Red-Burnt Orange - (factory color) paint with new front and rear fillers. New tan top and interior. New tires. All emblems and wheel covers refurbished. New battery and electrical system updates. AM-FM-8 track Audio System. Original owners manual. YOU ARE "RIDING CADILLAC STYLE" BABY!! Contact Mark Nelson at 303.552.1267.



For Sale: 1965 black Cadillac Coupe de Ville. Elegant, majestic and impressive. It is all original: seat hides, engine, exterior paint, black interior. I am the third owner over the time. I have been driving it weekly throughout the years. Battery is on battery tender when it is not driven. There are about 5000 miles on the white side wall tires at this point. It is low mileage for the age. Asking \$8000 or best offer. Interested parties may contact Daniel Staffieri at 303-766-4892 after 10AM. Location is Denver Metro area.



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