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Oktoberfest Aspen Tour By John Cullinan

With all the variability of the weather the past 2 months hampering our Annual Meet in Boulder and the Pig Roast in Longmont 2 weeks ago, those of us who participated in Oktoberfest Aspen Tour were fortunate to enjoy a sunny day with comfortable tempera-

tures.

On September 26th most of us departed from the Eagles lodge parking lot where we hold our regular meeting. President Serfling was waiting for us on I-25 as we drove north to connect with the Boulder Freeway. After stopping at the Scenic Overlook at the high point that

overlooks the Boulder Valley and affords a panoramic view from Mount Evans to Longs Peak, we continued on to the Foothills Expressway where Todd Ohlheiser joined us in his beautiful '55 Coupe Deville. A little farther on the Olsons and Art Cutler joined us as we headed toward Lyons.

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Director's Column
By John Serfling

Here we are at the end of another successful year of Cadillac and LaSalle activities. Thank you for your participation throughout the year. We still have one activity scheduled, however, so don't put your cars away just yet. Once again we will be driving the Women Marines in the Denver Veteran's Day Parade Nov. 7. The assembly point is the parking south of the entrance to Albertsons on the southwest corner of Alameda and Broadway. We will meet between 8:30 and 8:45 and depart at 9:00 for the parade. Please let John Cullinan know if you can participate. I have always enjoyed this particular parade, because the ladies are such fun. Please join us. This is the last event that will be planned by John in the capacity of VP of Activities. John has done an outstanding job over the past two years of planning tours, drives and fun events. Thank you very much, John, for all of your hard work. Is anyone interested in taking over the position?

Have you looked at the Dagmar on-line yet? The October issue was loaded to our web site and a link sent to everyone who has supplied us with an email address. If you didn't receive the link, please send your email address to Dave Leger. His address is dleger@ix.netcom.com. The newsletter looks great in full color. I prefer reading it on the computer. If you decide that you prefer the web site version, and no longer want the paper version, please let Paul Olson know, so that he can remove your name from the mailing label list. Moving toward an electronic newsletter will be an evolutionary process. We will keep you informed as decisions are made, if we change how and where to gain access to the Dagmar. Rest assured we will not take away your paper Dagmar if you don't want us to. The issue that you are reading is the last one for 2009. I would like to thank Dave Leger for his continued great work on the Dagmar. He is a real asset to the club. Thanks, Dave!

Winter is here even if the calendar doesn't say so. The snow couldn't even wait for Halloween this year. I did manage to get the '63 convertible out for a top down drive to the foothills on one of the last really nice days we had in mid-October. I'm happy to report that the car ran well for the Fall Color Tour. There was no need to worry about the water pump seal just yet. Prudence says this needs fixed before next spring, however. How many of you listen to Prudence when she first speaks?

I finally managed to get to two little projects on my Eldorado. The little things can be the most frustrating to live with, but they are inconsequential enough to not provide sufficient incentive to fix them. My two issues were the loss of the glove box latch and the failure of the turn signal switch to cancel after a left turn.

The chrome "handle" had fallen off of the glove box cylinder. I found a complete cylinder at Arizona Vintage Parts for \$15, but needed to get the cylinder rekeyed. The locksmith no longer had the kit necessary to do this properly, so he simply filed down the pins to match my key. It isn't elegant, but it works. It sure is nice to be able to easily open the glove box again.

The turn signal switch simply needed a new cancelling spring. That is a 50 cent part, but about \$200 worth of labor because of the tilt & telescope steering column. I improvised with a ball joint puller and two 1/2" nuts. To get to the spring location, one must remove the steering wheel pad and telescope lever (easy), remove the steering wheel (easy) and then compress the tilt mechanism spring (not so easy). Of course Cadillac mechanics use a special tool that looks remarkably like a ball joint puller to do this. Whereas the tools look very similar, they are not similar enough, so some form of modification is necessary. To start with one must have a long bolt of the appropriate size to screw into the center of the telescoping tube in the steering column.

A nut and a washer need to be screwed in place on the bolt, and then inserted through the much larger hole in the ball joint puller. Unfortunately, the "feet" of the ball joint puller will destroy the switch, because they are too wide, so I taped ½" nuts to the "feet". These rested on the cover for the spring, which I then compressed enough to pull out the C shaped washer that fits in a slot in the bolt and holds everything together. The rest of the replacement was a snap. It's nice having the turn signal cancel both ways now after living with the broken one for only a couple of years.

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In Lyons we enjoyed a 30 minute pit stop and look-around during the Fall Fair that was taking place. Most of us usually drive right through Lyons without stopping as we head up 36 to Estes Park. But I recommend next time you do two things: Stop and look around

the shops on main street and those on the block just north of main street, then turn left as you leave town and take Highway 7 instead of 36. Highway 7 will get you to Estes Park but with better scenery, less traffic and some interesting stops on the way such as the Allen's Park Lodge, and Chief Eagleplume's Historic Indian Arts store, and the Bald Pate Inn.

Our tour did not go as far as Allen's Park. Instead we diverted off 7 and dropped down into the town of Raymond along the Middle Fork of the St. Vrain River, before making the 3 mile climb on a narrow, cabin lined road that ultimately came out on the Peak to Peak Highway. Once on the Peak to Peak, we drove south toward Nederland. The trees were not at their full colors in some spots, at full colors in others and completely bare in the remaining viewing areas.

Our ultimate destination was the Black Forest Inn in Neder-

land. The Black Forest Inn was in Black Hawk before selling out and moving to Nederland. The restaurant is run today by the same man who ran it in 1967 when I first ate there as a college student. He had a unique sense of courtesy and service to customers in 1967 and he has maintained that tradition. This is a German restaurant and the food was good. But the owner and the staff appear to be former members of the Gestapo who were kicked out for being too mean. But we still enjoyed the live piano music and the good company of fellow club members.

All in all, I hope the tour participants enjoyed the drive, the weather, and the food. I know that Rod Brewer said he had never taken Highway 7 out of Lyons and was pleased to find a new way to Estes Park or Nederland. I know others on the road were pleased to see our collection of fine running Cadillacs and a LaSalle cruising by them.



Season's Greetings



*Our next issue will be in
January 2010. Have a great
holiday season and a happy
New Year.*



Winterizing Your Car By David Leger

Well, after our recent descent to 17 degrees the other night, it feels like I need to get ready to put my 1947 Cadillac away for the winter. In my case, that means the following:

Oil:

If I haven't changed the oil recently, now is a good time for a change, before the car sits for awhile. It's also a good time to lubricate the suspension, oil hinges, etc. On my car there are also oil cups on the generator, the grease pot on the distributor, and the grease fitting on the water pump to check on. While I'm at it, I'll check the fluid levels on my transmission as well.

Coolant:

I check that my car is protected for the temperatures ahead and topped off. I also add No-Rosion corrosion inhibitor to my coolant to help keep the coolant passages in tip-top shape. The Cadillac flatheads were particularly known for problems in the passages at the back of the engine.

Interior:

I make sure things are clean and vents are shut up. Fortunately we don't need to worry about humidity and mildew here in Colorado. I have never had an issue with rodents, but know some people who make sure their fresh air intakes are covered.

Exhaust:

I make sure to run the car until it's well warmed before putting her up. You don't want moisture to remain in

the exhaust where it can promote rust during the winter. I also know people who cover their air cleaner and exhaust tips if they have rodents around.

Tires:

I just check that I have the proper inflation in them and they are in good shape. I try to move the car at least a couple of times during the winter. Some friends put the car up on blocks, so the weight is still on the suspension, but the wheels are off the ground.

Electrical system:

I usually take this time to check, and make sure my various lights are all working properly, and replace any bulbs as needed. When I had a standard battery, I'd check the cells and top them off with distilled water. I now use a 6 volt Optima, so there's nothing there to check. I put a Battery Tender on the car to keep the battery up through the winter, and use the battery disconnect switch to cut power to the car, just in case

anything went wrong while I'm not around.

Exterior:

Time to wash the car well, and make sure everything has a good coat of wax, including the chrome. Before I wax, it's also a good time to go through and touch up any nicks from the previous season.

Fuel:

I add a fuel stabilizer and top off my gas tank. A full gas tank will experience less condensation during temperature changes. I make sure to run the car long enough that the stabilizer mixture makes it through the fuel lines and into the carburetor.

After all this, come spring it'll be easy to take 10 minutes and have the car ready to roll. Time spent now means I can enjoy that warm spring day just that much faster and with little effort.



2010 High Plains Tour By John Washburn

Art Cutler, with some assistance from me, is planning a tour of the high plains of Colorado in June of 2010. The plan is to tour to Burlington, Colorado by driving to Colby, Kansas. Some of you might be wondering why one would go to Colby to get to Burlington? Well, the quick answer is that it is best to spend the night in Colby since they have better hotels and restaurants.

The tour will depart from the small town of Kiowa, in Elbert County, after breakfast on a Saturday (date not yet determined) in June. Then we will head to Highway 24 via Elbert Road. Once we get to Highway 24 we will take it to Limon. A potential or optional stop in Limon is the Limon Heritage Museum & Rail Road Park. We will depart Limon via 40/287 and tour to the town of Hugo, a trip of 15 miles. Hugo has a Union Pacific Roundhouse, built in 1909, now undergoing restoration (the roof is scheduled for restoration).

Once we bid adieu to Hugo our next stop will be the town of Kit Carson, a trip of 50



miles. Kit Carson has a nice Museum nestled inside a restored Railroad Depot. If I remember correctly the pie was good in this town also.

Next stop is Cheyenne Wells and the Old Jail Museum, a mere 25 mile trip. This mu-

seum was the jail and is famous for who designed it. Robert S. Roeschlaub, was the Denver architect. The building is the only remaining jailhouse of two designed by Roeschlaub, and represents the development of the "urban frontier" on the plains of Colorado. This is an interesting building. Our final leg of the trip, for Saturday, is to Colby. This segment is about 115 miles.



We will end up at the Colby Quality Inn where we hope to block off some rooms in the back to have the area for ourselves. Colby has a Prairie Museum of Art and History, with the obligatory "Sod House", for those who might want one more museum fix.

Dinner, Saturday night, will be at the City Limits Grill, across the street from our hotel. This is basically a steak restaurant, nothing fancy, but good reasonable food. For those who might not like this restaurant, there are lots of others scattered around the area.

On Sunday we plan to leave Colby at 9:00 am, and tour, via I70, 70 miles to Burlington. Oh, I forgot, the hotel has the usual breakfast faire now being served throughout the U.S. Once in Burlington we have three tour options:

Kit Carson County Carousel & Museum. The Carousel was originally purchased by Elitch Gardens in 1905, and to ride the Carousel you will have to drop 25 cents.

Old Town Museum. Burlington has moved a significant number of old buildings to this area and restored most of them. Lots of interesting things to see and enjoy.

Historic Chevrolet & Cadillac Dealership. This building was purchased by a previous member of the RMR/CLC Frank Lund. The dealership is in need of restoration, but Frank has moved a lot of interesting cars into the building and some of the old splendor is still visible. This building along with others from the art deco era was featured in a recent edition of "Colorado Heritage", the Colorado History Society publication.

All of the above are optional, one can tour all or one of the above.

Art and I envision leaving around 2:00 pm and heading, via I70, to Flagler, a mere 45 miles down the road. In Flagler, for those who require nourishment, we will stop at a Diner, rescued from one of the Dakotas. You will know you are close when you see the pink Cadillac, used as an advertisement just before Flag-

ler. Once in Flagler you will see another Cadillac on a pole in front of the Diner. The food is good, the pie and Ice cream is even better.

From Flagler it is 130 miles to Elizabeth heading back on 86, or those going to the Denver it is about 170 miles via I70. That, fellow member, is what Art and I think would make a nice, and somewhat different, tour for 2010. Let us know what you think. We will present this proposal at a meeting in early 2010.

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**Elizabeth Homecoming
By Sal Torres**

Here are two photos from the

Elizabeth Colorado Homecoming parade. This was my first parade with my freshly done 75 Eldorado. I finished the car

late 2008. In one photo is the Senior Royalty and the other is my daughter Miya and myself.



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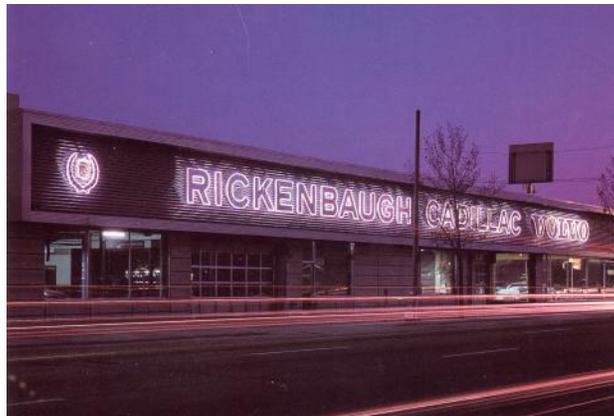
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