



# The *Dagmar*

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### **A Barn Find in Wyoming** *By Don Braden*

The maiden voyage for the original 1950 Cadillac '62 I bought in April was the Rocky Mountain Club's summer driving tour to Cheyenne, Laramie, Saratoga, WY and return. I was pleased with 17 MPG on the initial leg from Denver to Cheyenne and 15 MPG overall. I just had the electric motor that powers my hydraulic windows and front seat repaired, and all went well. Both right and left exhaust manifold gaskets needed replacement by the time I returned, but that's to be expected driving a car with minimal use in recent years. John Cullinan did a great job planning the trip and keeping the caravan moving. I'll be ready for next year's trip.

On the Sunday we returned to Denver, I was talking with Kathi Wallace, the restaurant manager. She was impressed with the snazzy cars we brought and said she has a Cadillac she would like to sell. I told her I would tell Rocky Mountain people about it.

She said it's a 1971 Coupe DeVille D'Elegance with 71,000 miles: "sapphire green-blue, white landau top, and always garaged, especially the last 10 years (her husband died); dusty, and has not been started for awhile. We bought it from the first owner." She's obviously very fond of it, and said it's at her house about 10 miles from town (Saratoga, again). She's looking for a good home for it.

I haven't seen the car, but it sounds like a "barn find" to me. Kathi's phone number is 307-326-5688.

### **A Time for Every Season** *By Dave Leger*

Well folks, it's been six years since I took over as your editor, and we have come to my last issue. In some ways it feels like just a year has gone by since Mr. Washburn was headed to Florida and George Malesich asked me to take over for awhile.

I have to say that the RMRCLC is special to me. Not only does the club come up with new and fun events every year, but the people are warm and supportive.

I remember going to my first club meeting. A friend, Brian Foote, invited me along, as I'd just purchased my 1947 coupe. I sat quietly taking in the joking and

friendships around me.

I came back a few meetings later after having sent my registration in. The club president announced there was a new member in town with a 1947 6207 and I said 'yes, and I am right here'.

Over the 10+ years in the club I have found so many friends. When I was restoring my car, so many people helped. I would have been lost without Walt Brewer and John Washburn's assistance. When the shop owner skipped town and my car was in pieces, members as far as Nova Scotia came to my rescue with parts I needed.

I have to mention special thanks to the club presidents who have dutifully drafted their columns every month, and special thanks to my eagle eyed proof-readers George Malesich and Nancy Tucker! Thanks to all who have written articles!

After our elections Wayne Shmitka will likely be your new editor. I'd ask for you to give him the same support and consideration that you have me. Editing the newsletter is probably the most time intensive position in the club. Please be generous with your time in return, and send him articles, photographs and help him continue to fill these pages.



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

This is the last issue of the Dagmar put together by Dave Leger. Thank you, Dave, for your many years of creating an informative and good looking newsletter for our region! It wasn't always easy for Dave to get you, the members, to write articles about our activities, but he still managed to fill the pages of the Dagmar with information and photographs that were very enjoyable.

The regional event was a success in spite of the weather. As you can read in Jim Salmi's article, we had a reasonable number of Cadillacs show up. It was raining very lightly when most of us arrived, which stopped soon enough. I was inside for most of the morning and not paying attention to the weather until lunch was announced. Naturally, that is when the rain was falling the hardest. The food was under cover, so people dashed out to get it and get back in to the warm showroom to eat. We really did have a good time. You should have been there.

We have had a good year of events thanks largely to the efforts of Jim Salmi. Once again he has done a great job of coordinating the others who arranged events. Jim has sent out a lot of emails to keep all of us informed

about events and how to get to them. He has gone above and beyond the call of duty by sending out notices of other events that we don't sponsor, but that you might be interested in. Thank you, Jim, for another good year and your willingness to do it again next year.

Nancy Tucker has been our faithful secretary for a very long time now. She must have started when she was about 14, since she has been taking minutes for nearly 30 years and isn't even 35 yet. Thank you Nancy for your perfect minutes and always preparing the agenda for me. I do appreciate your efforts!

Paul and Janice Olson have done an outstanding job of maintaining our membership rolls. I would especially like to thank Janice, who has faithfully attended the monthly meetings and provided membership reports while Paul has been traveling for work.

Brad Bauer once again did a fabulous job of passing the wheel cover, hat or water pitcher at the meetings to collect for the Christmas Fund and fill in for me on the rare occasion that I couldn't attend a meeting. Thanks for being there, Brad.

Thanks also to Leonard Johnson, Tom Orton and Tim Coy for your work over the past year. Leonard

has kept us solvent, Tom has kept us updated on the actions of the Collector Car Council of Colorado and Tim represents us to the national board of directors. Tim's efforts have landed the 2013 National Board meeting in our Region.

Elections for the club Board of Directors will be held at the December meeting. The candidates are: Wayne Shmitka, editor of the Dagmar; Jim Salmi, Activities VP; Paul Olson, Membership Chair; Leonard Johnson, Treasurer; Brad Bauer, Executive VP; Nancy Tucker for secretary, and John Serfling, Director. Please keep in mind that you must be present at the December meeting in order to vote for the club officers.

Did you get your car out for one last drive in late October? The 80 degree temperature on October 24th required that we take the '63 convertible to Genesee Park for a picnic lunch. What a lovely day, especially for so late in the season.

I spoke to Harry Tiffany a couple of weeks ago. He is 93, but was still playing golf until he fell down this summer (while playing golf). A few days later, when he finally went to the doctor, he was told that he had broken his neck. The long term result of this is that Harry lost his ability to swallow. He now has a feeding tube, so life isn't much fun any more. Harry told me that a visit to the doctor is about all the activity he can handle. I'm sure Harry would like to hear from you, since he can't come to our meetings any longer. Fortunately, he is able to talk on the phone. Give him a call and let him know you are thinking of him. Good luck, Harry, we miss you!



**The Show Went On  
At McCaddon  
By Jim Salmi**

Despite inclement weather, the Rocky Mountain Region's annual meet went on as scheduled on Saturday, October 8, at McCaddon Cadillac in Boulder. Once again this year, Leonard Johnson made the arrangements and Mark McCaddon was our gracious host. As we did last year, we combined our meet/show with the Cruisin' Classics Car Show, open to all GM makes from 1972 and older. It worked well. We had three Buicks and an Oldsmobile Toronado. Not as many cars as last year, but not bad considering the steady chilly rain until mid-afternoon. The Hershey AACA Fall Meet in Pennsylvania had beautiful weather this year, and we got their customary rain. It was bound to happen sooner or later.

There were about fifteen Cadillacs in attendance (no LaSalles), and probably a couple dozen club members. Some members arrived in their daily drivers instead, and nobody could blame them.

Leonard had four Cadillacs there, including two in the showroom. He brought them the day before, and they stayed dry during the meet. Good thinking. We also finally got to see Tim Coy's '63 Sedan deVille again, after a very long absence. This car belonged to his grandmother and is a family heirloom. As most members already know, it caught fire after a July 4th parade three years ago, and had to undergo extensive repairs and restoration. It's too

long a story to go into here. A grey '64 Coupe deVille and a light blue hearse with a Blues Brothers theme were two cars at the meet which were not seen in past years. Even the hearse's driver looked like John Beluschi from the movie.

The folks at McCaddon had food tents set up outside, and there were plenty of burgers and hot dogs and fixings for us. A few hearty souls actually ate outside under the umbrellas, but most of us stayed inside the showroom at some tables that were brought in. There was not too much car-looking, unfortunately, but there was plenty of conversation. We have dispensed with awards for these meets, so there was no real official program. At about 3:00 pm, the weather had pretty much cleared up, and we were able to drive home relatively dry.

All in all, it was a small but good meet in spite of the weather.

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## A Note from the Editor

Hi folks,

I wanted to let you know about the discussion I had with one of our former members. Wayne Shmitka has expressed interest in returning to the club and acting as your next newsletter editor. Wayne has extensive experience in printing and graphics. I think he'd make an excellent choice for your next editor. Remember, club elections are just around the corner.

***Dave Leger***

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(as of October 22, 2011)

<b>Proposed Activities:</b>	<b>Leader:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
Veterans Day Parade	J. Salmi	Nov 5

## **Other Events**

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OTHER CAR RELATED ACTIVITIES (Not RMRCLC Events)

Other car related activities, as published in Old Cars Weekly, Hemmings, CCCC, Denver Post or from other sources. Please verify accuracy before attending.

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