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RMRLC Driving Tour to Durango By John Cullinan

The Cadillac and LaSalle Club continues to be a very active one. Parades, cruises, garage tours, and road tours have made this a very busy year and the year is not over yet!

The tour to Gateway was a pleasant one, and the scenery and the Gateway Resort exceeded our expectations. I hope those who made the trip

from Denver to Durango also found that Durango and Mesa Verde and the overall tour exceeded their expectations. I know I received positive feedback on the tour from some of my fellow tourers.

We left early on Thursday, the 23rd of August from Conifer and had a quick, scenic and trouble free drive to Salida. I put together a guide book that contained local history of some of the areas we drove through. One fact I found interesting was that the old yel-

low farm house off 285, just before you get to Conifer, had been the winter headquarters of the Barnum Bailey Circus in the late 1880s. Conifer was called Circus Town before it was named Conifer. With all the money flowing in the mining towns in Colorado, I would bet the circus found the summer season to be very lucrative and decided to stay close to such a money making market.

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A Season Winds Down

The Director's Column By John Evans



With our RMRCLC driving year drawing to a close, it's time to both reflect and lay the plans for another season of tours and fun. Though we would all heartily agree that we've had a great time in 07, we must also be reminded of the loss of a friend, fellow club member, and CLC National Representative Liz Coy. We will remember Liz's gifts of hard work and contributions to our organization, her dedication and love for the CLC still resonates, we will all miss her. Liz's husband and Self Starter Srt Director Tim Coy, has graciously accepted the position of our new National Representative, and will fill this position for the remaining term. Our thanks go out to Tim for his extraordinary dedication during this difficult time. I know I speak for our membership when I say, we're there for you Tim. Before we know it, the holiday

season will be upon us, and we'll all be busy with shopping and making those plans for getting together with family and friends. Let's all remember that our Vice President Dirk Biermann will be once again chairing the RMRCLC Christmas food and toy drive this year, and he can use all the volunteer assistance he can get. Please plan to help in any way you can this year, and make this one the biggest and best RMRCLC Christmas drives ever. A big thanks to Dirk for all he does for this charity event.

Now is also a very good time to put on our collective "thinking caps" and plan to share some ideas for new driving tours and RMRCLC activities in 2008. Last spring, I was contacted by the mayor of Saguache, Colorado, requesting our Club's presence at the town's annual Spring Festival, Parade, Folklorico, and Fiesta in the Park. By the time I had received this invitation, it was too late to respond, but I did indicate a possible RMRCLC interest for 2008. The mayor was delighted with the possibility, and vowed to roll out the "red carpet" for us, should we agree to appear for the festivities. Let's plan on kicking around some ideas like this and others soon.

Late breaking news: grille badges are in! Contact me for orders. You can see the design on page 6, adhesive or threaded mount, \$40.

Veterans' Day Parade By John Serfling

The group of us who hosted the women Marines in the Memorial Day parade had such a good time with them that we offered to give them a ride in the Veterans' Day parade. This is a great group of women who look and act a lot younger than they must be, since they are all veterans of World War II. We really enjoyed their company and they were most appreciative of ours. Our involvement in a parade where we serve a purpose is much more fulfilling than simply driving a beautiful old car for the crowd to see. As the driver, you become invisible. The onlookers love the cars, but they cheer for the women who served our country so proudly.

Please join us on Saturday, November 10th for this delightful time. We will meet at the Albertson's parking lot on the southwest corner of Broadway and Alameda at 9:00 in the morning. We will pick up our riders and head to the parade staging area downtown. Considering what the temperatures are likely to be, closed cars may be more appropriate than convertibles, but all are welcome to join us.

Since this will be our last driving activity for the season, let's have a good turnout. See you there.

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In Salida we met up with Bob Johnson, who was driving his beautiful red '47 Convertible. On the way out of town his car started to vapor lock. This was unusual since Bob's cars never have problems on tours. Those of us at the head of the caravan waited until Bob could cool down and catch up with us. When he got near us we told him not to stop and keep climbing up Poncha Pass. He only made it a short way and had to stop again. We leapfrogged ahead of him and waited while he caught up with us again but could go no farther. It was looking like we were going to be very late for our lunch, so David Leger charged ahead in his perfectly performing car to tell the restaurateur in South

Fork to hold the schnitzels until we all arrived. The fuel in Bob's fuel pump bowl was bubbling so we asked if he had his booster pump on. He insisted he had the switch on, which he did, but when I looked under the car, I saw the positive contact was disconnected. I pushed it back on and Bob's car was ready for the road. There was no holding him back from that point on. We could hardly keep up with him.

Finally we arrived for a late lunch at Chalet Swiss, a very nice restaurant in South Fork. The owner was from Bern, Switzerland and he prepared a nice lunch for all of us. After lunch we began the climb up Wolf Creek Pass to the summit. Wolf Creek Pass is beautiful and the view from

the scenic turnoff that opens up onto the San Juan River Valley above Pagosa Springs is breathtaking.

Stopping in Pagosa Springs for gas, we then continued along the overdeveloped and not very attractive commercial area west of Pagosa. But the views improved as we headed west to Durango. We arrived at our hotel around 5:00 and rested a little before heading over to Allen and Joanna Logsdon's home for a cocktail party and a tour of their car collection and memorabilia collection. They were the best of hosts and put out a scrumptious spread of food and drink. A pleasant time was had on their patio porch watching the sun set and the day cool down. (cont. page 4)



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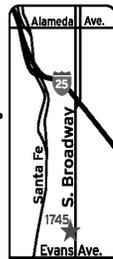
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On Friday we went our various ways. Some took the train, others the Galloping Goose, to Silverton. John Evans, Nancy and I went with Allen and Joanna to visit Vallecito Lake where we saw the specially carved tree trunks that had been created to commemorate the tragic Vallecito fire of a few years ago. We had a fun meal including deep fried dill pickles at a local restaurant, which was full of stuffed animals. On Friday evening we all joined up at the Bar D Chuckwagon and had an entertaining time enjoying the western music and comedy show as well as a good dinner served cowboy style.

Saturday was our day to go to Mesa Verde. Many of us had been there previously, but before the big fire had destroyed all the trees and changed the landscape. Most of us walked down to the Spruce House ruin and then went on to Cliff Palace and climbed on rock ledges and down ladders to get to this large village on a cliff side. It was well worth the visit.

Thanks to Greg Kemp, we

were able to speak with a local archeologist who was working as a consultant to the National Park Service. He gave us a deeper appreciation of what we had seen, and inspired me and my passengers to spend two more hours touring areas I had not seen before. We saw the early pit houses and saw how the architecture evolved from 500 to 1200 AD. We also learned that the cliff dwellings themselves were only occupied for about 100 years and evidence of cannibalism has been found. Fear may have driven them to build villages on the side of canyon walls in hard to find and invade places.

Saturday evening we congregated at John Serfling's room at the hotel and shared our stories of the past three days. That evening we were all on our own. John Evans, my sister and brother-in-



law, my friend from Washington D.C. and I all went to the melodrama. It was fun and brought back good memories to Mr. Evans, who had last been there 45 years earlier, when he lived on the Jicarilla Apache Reservation.

We took off on Sunday and headed north to Silverton and Ouray and on home. My group spent a night at Redstone before returning to Denver on Monday night.

Some of the tourers recommended we might want to have a tour next year that would not be quite so long in driving time. One tour I recommend is one from Denver to Fort Collins and along the Cache Le Poudre River to Ward and then north to Encampment and Saratoga, Wyoming. On the return, we would drive over the Snowy Mountain Range toward Laramie and then take 287 all the way back to Denver, avoiding I-25. There are a lot of interesting things to see and do in this lesser traveled part of Colorado and Wyoming.

I thank all those who made the tour to Durango with me for being such good companions and good club members. I look forward to touring with more of you next year.



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Labor Day 2007

The club met at the Coy residence for a great breakfast, followed by the Louisville Labor Day parade. Attendance was great as we honored laborers and Liz Coy both on this special day. We had such a great crowd that the RMRCLC actually won first place in the classic car category for the parade!



The Village At Lowry Car Show

Club members turned out for a great day of showing their vehicles at the Village At Lowry retirement home. Residents seemed to truly enjoy our vehicles. Many members dropped their cars off and car pooled to Liz Coy's memorial service. The Village graciously provided a late lunch for us upon our return. Members received goody bags, door prizes, and the satisfaction that they'd made the day for the residents. Hats off to Renee Flaherty for such a great show (ok, thanks to Blaise too!).



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Monthly Meeting:

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Sharing – the Spirit of the Season.

By Dirk Biermann

The Cadillac & LaSalle Club of the Rocky Mountain Region will once again help out those less fortunate. Most of these funds come from the auction of your donations at our monthly meetings. Consider making a donation of unwanted items to our monthly auction at the October and November meetings.

Our plan is to shop for a few holiday meals and some age appropriate gifts for the youngsters, to be delivered to three metro area families on Saturday December 15, 2007, along with a gift certificate to a local department store.

Nancy Tucker has once again volunteered her posh Cherry Creek digs for our wrapping and packing party. We will meet at Nancy's at about 11:00 a.m. on December 15.

Nancy's' home is at 441 Garfield Street in Cherry Creek area. Nancy's phone number is 303-394-2557. After lunch, our volunteer Santa's will make their deliveries, helping to make the holiday season a bit brighter for our recipient families.

Volunteers Needed. Drake and Dirk will do the grocery shopping and pick up Wal-Mart Gift Certificates. But, we need help with the following.

Shopping and delivery: We would like to have three teams to shop for toys for our families and make deliveries on the afternoon of December 16. We will be in contact with the families before hand and will have some ideas for you.

Baking: Last year we delivered fresh baked cookies. This is a great way to personalize the gift baskets for our families.

Toy donations: We had a number of donations of

stuffed animals, dolls, books and other toys. Our families ended up being pretty diverse, so we managed to find a home for each of the donations.

Work place giving: Last year one of our Santa's put this notice out at his office and generous co-workers donated two Safeway gift certificates. Think about spreading the word at your business or work place.

Wrapping party: We will need plenty of elves to help with wrapping at Nancy's place. This is a fun event and includes a free lunch! (Unless, of course, you volunteer to bring lunch).

Free lunch: We are looking for someone to volunteer to bring lunch for all of Santa's elves.

If you can help out, contact Dirk at: 303-629-5200 or dtb@benningtonjohnson.com

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It is with great sadness that we must report the passing of Liz Coy. Liz was a vibrant force within the club and will be missed by all. A large number of club members attended her memorial service, and many of Liz's favorite 1959 and 1960 Cadillacs were to be seen at the church.

Celebrating Her Life

Elizabeth Ann "Liz" Coy



*When I die, give what is left of me to children.
If you need to cry, cry for your brothers walking beside you.
Put your arms around anyone and give them what you need to give me.
I want to leave you with something, something better than words or sounds.
Look for me in the people I've known and loved.
And if you cannot live without me, then let me live on in your eyes, in your mind and your acts of kindness.
You can love me most by letting hands touch hands and letting go of children that need to be free.
Love does not die, people do.
So, when all that is left of me is love...give me away.*

—Anonymous

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