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The 18th Annual Regional Show by Leonard Johnson

It was a perfect Colorado early Fall day for the Regional Show. We had a good turnout of 35 beautiful cars at McCaddon Cadillac. The photos show a great array of fine classic Cadillacs. As always, Mark McCaddon and staff were the perfect hosts to our club. Placement of cars was somewhat different this year and gave everyone more room to roam and admire. The buffet and table layout was also much improved this year and the food was excellent. There were many terrific raffle items donated by McCaddon, and several folks went home as happy winners. Also, special Cadillac shirts were donated for the first place award winners in each class. The award winners this year are shown on page 4.

There has been some discussion around the idea of not presenting awards at future Regional Shows, for several reasons. We may draw a larger number of cars, if the general public was invited to display their Cadillacs-and this also represents an opportunity to add new members. The award process gets to be diffi-

cult and somewhat political, with the chance for resulting hard feelings. Also, the cost of the awards is no small factor. The event should really be an opportunity to shine up our classics and share in a good time. I would like to hear feedback from all of our members so the board can make an informed balanced decision for future years. Please email me at ljohnson@jkg-cpa.com. Thank you for your participation.

October Driving Event

Saturday the 18th from 1:30 to 4:30 at the Littleton Living History Museum

Littleton Museum and Living History Village will be our destination on October 18th. If you attend the monthly meeting at the Bemis Library on October 14th, you will know the way to the museum since it is only one block east of the library. The address is 6028 South Gallup Street. This is one of the premier history museums in the US but I would bet most of you have never been there.

For more than 30 years, the Littleton Historical Museum has served as the primary repository for the history, art,

and culture of Littleton. Located on 39 acres, the museum consists of two living history farms (one from the 1860's and one from the 1890's), a small lake, a collections center, and a main exhibition and administration building.

Often cited as one of the top ten local history museums in the United States, the Littleton Historical Museum has an outstanding reputation within the museum community.

If mother nature cooperates, during our visit we may see an impressive display put on by the cottonwood trees as their leaves turn golden yellow. We are hoping for a good turnout. Please join us. Those planning on attending should call me at 303-738-3981 or email me at juancull@aol.com. If we have enough participants we can hopefully be given a guided tour.

Do you know?

We are looking for the RMRCLC banner used in the past. If you know where it is, contact John Serfling (see page 8 for contact information)



A Year Winds Up The Director's Column by John Serfling

What a month September was! Our best activities were all piled into one month and the weather was perfect for each one of them. We started the month with a very successful Regional event at McCaddon Cadillac in Boulder. As always, the dealership was very good to us and most appreciative of our presence. The highlight for me was Leonard Johnson's three 1958 Cadillacs and one of Mark McCaddon's on the showroom floor. This is McCaddon's 50th anniversary. It was fun to see a showroom full of the cars that would have been in any Cadillac dealer's showroom 50 years ago. Congratulations to all of the winners of awards at the show, especially our new members who managed to take home awards.

A week later many of the same faces and a lot of new ones showed up at East High School for the Colfax Cruise. Thanks to Dirk Biermann for setting

up a great picnic for us! See Nancy Tucker's article on page 7 for more details.

Three days later we attended another car show, this time at the VFW Hall in Lafayette, arranged by our past-Director, John Evans. Again, a fabulous turnout, including some members we haven't seen for a very long time. We even handed out applications to a couple of prospective members. John was extremely pleased at the number of us that attended and sends thanks to all of you. Thanks also to Bill Bowser for providing us with such an entertaining, impromptu story at the meeting.

Four days later was the annual tour of the fall colors. That event was too late to make it into this issue, but I'm sure a good time was had by all. The trees along US 285 were stunning.

Since the activity season is nearly over, I would like to thank all of the members who have faithfully shown up at so many events. It really pleases me that not just the same core group is attending every event, but members we don't see very often find an event that is of interest to them too. Credit for this must go to John Cullinan, our VP of Fun. John has done a wonderful job of deciding on events and coordinating most of them by himself. He could certainly use some help, so please consider calling him and ask if you can help with an event in 2009. Remember, many hands make light work.

The nominating committee of

Nancy Tucker, Leonard Johnson, John Evans and I were announced at the September meeting. We would welcome suggestions from the membership. You don't want the board to just be the same people year after year. We are especially in need of an Executive VP, a position which hasn't been filled for a year. Thank you for your kind consideration.

It has been a good summer for my convertible. She has been driven a lot and appreciates the attention. The unfortunate part is that her sister, the Eldorado, wants some attention too, so like many children, she is acting up to get that attention. The issue this time is the brakes—again. When I had the proportioning valve rebuilt, I was warned that the brake failure warning switch would probably be next and that there is no known source for them. Sure enough, you push on the brake pedal and fluid just squirts out from the switch. What to do? Being the reasonably clever person that I am I decided to buy a brass plug at the hardware store to replace the switch, temporarily of course. The trick was to find the correct size and thread pitch. Luck was with me and it works beautifully. To bleed the brakes again, I only had to loosen the plug three times with Rick's foot on the brake. The bubbles fizzed out and life is good again. Now she is happy, but how long will she stay that way?

See page 11 for monthly meeting details for October

Cadillac & LaSalle Club Golden Anniversary Grand National by Paul & Janice Olson

This year marked the 50th Anniversary for the Cadillac & LaSalle Club so we decided to make the trip to Cherry Hill, New Jersey to help celebrate it. Janice and I have never been to that part of the country so that was the excuse. What a trip it was, particularly since RMRCLC El Presidente John Serfling tagged along.

We went a couple of days early to take in some of the surrounding sights before the big event. In particular we wanted to visit Gettysburg and the Amish country. Janice was keen to see the Quilt and Textile Museum in Lancaster, PA. Visiting Independence Park and the Liberty Bell were also on the itinerary.

Gettysburg is very interesting. It is amazing to think that so many people fought and died in such a small area. This is very rural area of low rolling hills studded with memorials dedicated to all of the units that fought at Gettysburg. The memorials are of many shapes and sizes, the one honoring soldiers from Pennsylvania the largest. It was quite impressive.

The other goal was to view local quilt arts. The museum in Lancaster was very interesting. We also visited a quilt museum in Intercourse. The Amish quilts have very understated colors and patterns yet the quilting itself is very intricate and flamboyant. In contrast the quilts made by the

neighboring "English" were very colorful.



Following our side trip to Pennsylvania we participated in many of the club events. The first of which was "The Jersey Devil Driving Tour" of the New Jersey Pine Barrens. Four groups of nine to eleven cars left from the host hotel at different intervals. Our route started out in surrounding suburbs to following along rivers, through forests and swamps. This was an interesting area to see but it's also very, very flat. We stopped at the Batsto-Pleasant Mills Church for a few minutes then headed to Batsto Village for an hour stop. This was an important industrial operation in the early years of this country. One of its claims to fame, it was a major iron producer for the revolutionary war. Many of the canons, cannon balls and other war implements were produced here from ore mined from the surrounding bogs. In later years they produced pottery, glass and agricultural items. Today the area is a big producer of cranber-

ries and blueberries. This particular site was held by the same family for 92 years before being given to the state of New Jersey for preservation. We headed on to Chatsworth and lunch at Buzby's General Store. After lunch we were on our own to get back to the host hotel.

Our next adventure was a bus tour to the Antique Automobile Club Association Museum in Hersey, PA and the private collection of Nicola Bulgari in Allentown, PA. The first stop was in Allentown. Paul & I felt this collection overshadowed the AACA Museum. The cars located there are only one sixth of Mr. Bulgari's collection. All of the cars are maintained ready to drive with a full tank of aviation grade gasoline plus a fully charged battery.

There are four other buildings, three of which are restoration shops. In the two main buildings there were about 50 cars, mostly Buicks. The center piece building also contains Mr. Bulgari's private apartment.

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1940 and Earlier Class

1st Place **Whit Otis**
1940 Cadillac 7533F Formal Sedan

Honorary/Jack Kinney
Favorite Car **On Behalf of**
 Stephen Tebo
1937 Cadillac Town Car



1941 - 1949 Class

1st Place **Don Braden**
1941 Cadillac 60S Sedan

2nd Place **Bill Bowser**
1949 Cadillac Series 62 Coupe de Ville



1950 - 1959 Class

1st Place **John Evans**
1959 Cadillac Series 62 4 Door Hardtop

2nd Place **Gene Fenton**
1950 Cadillac Series 6237 Coupe



1960 - 1969 Class

1st Place **Marvin Mueller**
1962 Cadillac Series 6247 Coupe

2nd Place **Brad Bauer**
(Our newest member)
1961 Cadillac Sedan Deville



1970 and Later Class

1st Place

Bob Sustr
1978 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz
Special Edition

2nd Place **Grant Landsbach**
1975 Cadillac Sedan Deville





One wall of this apartment is floor to ceiling glass including the bedroom so he can look down on his cars when he's in town. The cars were stunning, many of the low mileage originals. The tour was guided by collection caretaker/restoration expert Keith. Keith is a superb story teller with the kind of job most of us dream about.

The AACA museum had a display dedicated to The Fin which featured cars of the 50s and early 60s with fins. It was a pretty impressive display of cars most of us know very well and some that we have never



seen before such as the stunning Pinninfarina Chrysler concept car. There were also displays of home delivery milk trucks, buses and a display of older motorcycles.



While Paul attended the board meeting on Friday, John and I went on the tour of historic Philadelphia. Our lively tour guide was Pat Stallone who is

a distant cousin of Sylvester Stallone. We saw Independence Hall, Liberty Bell, Betsy Ross House,

Of course, we can't forget to mention the very fine showing of Cadillac's and LaSalle's at the show on Saturday. It was quite a showing of 350 cars on the show field. This was the largest gathering since the Cadillac Centennial event in 2002. It was a stunning collection. As always I volunteered as a show judge. I do this to show support for the club but also to learn more about the cars and get a closer look at a few of them.



I happened to draw the 1975 and 76 Eldorado. The cars were spectacular; a couple of them had less than 1000 miles on the clock. One even had special order Chrysler Passionate Purple paint. I really wanted to judge Class 21, the 65 and 66 Cadillacs. I have never seen such a nice



group of cars, they were spectacular; I just wish my 66 looked as nice.

The main highlight of the Grand National was the RMRCLC being awarded the Norm Uhlir award for club activities. This was a real thrill and a great reward recognizing the hard work of all our regional members. To me it is quite an honor to be part of such an active group. This was to be eclipsed by the Self Starter Author of the Year award for RMRCLC member Michael Britton. Only the Potomac region received more recognition. In my book that is quite a feat for the Rocky Mountain Region.



Colfax Cruise by Nancy Tucker

The day was perfect for a picnic and a cruise! On Saturday, Sept. 20, Colorado Select Auto Care Centers and the OCCC held the second annual Colfax Avenue Cruise and Poker Run.

The event officially began at 2:00 p.m. when the first of hundreds of vehicles – from vintage classics to modern hot rods began the 17.8 mile drive along historic Colfax Avenue. The route covered Colfax from Kipling in Lakewood to Chambers in Aurora, with five official stops along the way. Each stop offered entertainment, food and a chance to park, socialize and admire the other vehicles.

Our club decided to make a day of it and celebrate in true Cadillac style! We chose the most beautiful location, East High School, as our base. Under the direction of Dirk Biermann we began to arrive at noon, snagging great parking spots on the Esplanade. While Dirk set up our picnic area, new member Brad Bauer directed the parking. We had around 15 cars present. As always, those Cadillacs lined up side by side were a beautiful sight to behold!

Joining the group were John Serfling, John Cullinan, Paul and Janice Olson, Paul Whitlock, Bill Bowser, Don Braden, Rod & Irene Brewer, Skip and Brenda Gorman, Bob and Marty Lyons, James Sears, and Bob Sustr. Our beautiful cars spanned over 50 years of production! Other club cruisers we saw were John Evans,

Larry Dilts and Ryan Timmons. We were also joined by two prospective members driving a beautiful black 1985 Seville with red leather and a 1976 Fleetwood in triple green.

We had a great spot under the trees with tables, complete with tablecloths and umbrella and full of fried chicken, potato salad, chips, brownies and other goodies. No one went hungry that day! It was great listening to music by Rusty the “Ragtop Rocker”, who blasted old 50’s and 60’s hits that we all (well, most of us.....) fondly remembered.

After a few hours members began drifting away, looking forward to doing a little driving themselves. At 4:00 the last of us decided to cruise west as we caravanned to Invesco Field, our first stop. A couple of 1959 Coupe DeVilles were also spotted en route. After checking out the array of cars at Invesco, we continued past Davies Chuck Wagon to the last stop, which was Pifler’s Sports Tavern. We definitely noticed changes in the event as we went from afternoon into evening, as we began to see fewer restored classics and more customized hot rods.

Our full day ended about 8:30 at a Mexican restaurant, enjoying yet another meal and some refreshing margaritas.



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Monthly Meeting:

As we have lost our usual meeting place, see each issue for details on the next meeting date, and location.

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Classic Aircraft and Car Show
by Michael Brittan

Antique automobiles and aircraft share common elements of heritage which touch both car and plane enthusiasts. Being Car Crazy and a Flying Fanatic reflect ailments with similar symptoms. So, what better setting for a classic aircraft and car show than an airport, with a medical element thrown in for good measure?

The Front Range Airport at Watkins was once again the venue for the 4th annual Classic Aircraft and Car Show held on September 6th. The show was in part sponsored by The Urology Center of Colorado which offered free prostate screening for those willing to subject themselves to a needle stick for a blood PSA test.

A glorious late-summer's day and expansive airport aprons

provided the perfect scene for the display. Flying exhibitions by several light planes and a beautifully restored WWII Navy T28 Trainer added a measure of action to the occasion. The raucous sound of the T28 in flight was redolent of an era of flying long past. On the ground, a handful of Cadillacs mixed it up with an eclectic range of cars, trucks, motorcycles and planes, as the pictures show.

The PSA testing was geared to promoting Prostate Cancer Awareness Day, and to educate the public on available treatment regimens. Unfortunately,

cures for Car Craziiness and Flying Fanaticism remain elusive.

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Figure 1: Business End of T28C Trainer and '68 Cadillac

Figure 2: The Ultimate Tailplane - '59 Cadillac

Figure 3: Heavily Modified '48 Series 61 Club Coupe

Figure 4: Black '48 Series 61 and '73 Pantera Reflected in my '48 Series 62 Club Coupe

Figure 5: Flying Goddess Points the Way for a '57 Corvette

Figure 6: WWII North American T28B Trainer Juxtaposes with '48 Series 62



Cars & Parts or Sale

1949 Cadillac Coupe Sedanet. Complete car except for interior and drive train. New glass still in boxes, new gas tank, some new chrome and all stainless in good shape. One complete extra trunk and trunk lid. Will sell as parts but prefer to sell all as a package. Best offer. Tom Musson, 714-777-5959 (August)

For Sale: 1938 60 Special doors, 4 fenders and bumpers. 1941 62 series 4 door, 8 doors and trunk lid, some fenders, plus various mechanical parts. 1949 Cadillac Series 62 4 door, 4 doors, 4 fenders blasted to bear metal, trunk lid, dash, and front shroud, plus various mechanical parts, including engine or bear block. 1953 Cadillac front fenders and hood, front and rear bumper. 1956 Hood, front bumper. Motivated seller, call me and we can chat about price. John Washburn Home phone: 303+646-6105 or Cell: 303+885-3545 (August)

For Sale: One good 6:50 x 16 whitewall tire, great for spare. Offer?
Four good tubes from 6:50 x 16 tires. Buy one or all. Offer?
Jim Bahrenburg 303 940-1111 (August)

For Sale. Several sets of 3" WWW 15" bias ply tires; many of these are nearly new. \$50.00 per tire. Perfect for the guy who likes originality. Call Leonard 303-449-3830. (September)

Official List Of RMRCLC Sponsored Functions

Monthly Club Meeting Location

When: October 14th

Where: Bemis Public Library
6014 S. Datura Street
Littleton, Colorado 80120
303-795-3961

We will be meeting in one of the main floor meeting rooms. Look for a sign on the door of the Library entrance. The library staff can direct you to the meeting room if you get lost.

October 18th, Saturday, driving tour to Littleton Living History Museum (see page 1)

November 8th, Saturday, Veteran's Day Parade with the lady Marines.

Other Events

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