



# The *Dagmar*

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## September 2008

### **Super Saturday: Two for One September 20th** *by John Cullinan*

Double your pleasure and double your automotive fun on Saturday, September 20th. The Rocky Mountain Regional Cadillac & LaSalle Club has been asked to escort the celebrities during the Parade of Honor, a new parade that is hoping to roll out nationally next year. The organizers are asking for 12 or 13 convertibles. The parade honors the armed forces, law enforcement, firemen, prisoners of war / missing in action and fallen heroes. We will gather at 9:00 A.M. at the staging area, which at this time, is said to be on Cherokee just south of Colfax. I will have specifics as we get closer to the 20th for those who have volunteered to bring their convertible. Some members of the Classic Car Club of America may be joining us. After the parade some of us will go to lunch before heading off to the Colfax Cruise.

**Colfax Cruise:** All members are invited to participate in the Colfax Cruise the afternoon of the 20th. The cruise commences at 2:00 P.M. and ends at 8:00 P.M. This is a dynamic event. You will be

able to drive from site to site and see displays and show cars. The event sites are:

Pifler's Sports Tavern 11353 W Colfax  
Davies Chuck Wagon 9495 W Colfax  
Invesco Field at Mile High  
East High School at City Park Esplanade  
Super K Mart 15200 E Colfax

Skip and Brenda Gorman will be hanging out at the sites on

the West part of town, while the Nancy Tucker gang will be creating mayhem and havoc at the East High site.

If you have a convertible, join us for the parade and lunch and then enjoy the Colfax Cruise. Call me at 303-738-3981 or email me at [juan-cull@aol.com](mailto:juan-cull@aol.com) if you are planning on bringing a convertible.

### **September Club Meeting & Burger Run**

The club will meet at VFW Post 1771 at 105 West Emma Street, Lafayette, Colorado. On Tuesday, September 23 from 5:00-8:00 the Mile High VFW Post 1771 would like to sponsor a Burger Run/Car Show at the Post home on 105 West Emma St. in Lafayette. The Post prides itself in its Tuesday afternoon fare of 1/2 lb. Flame Broiled Hamburgers, cooked to order, with fresh hand cut french fries, with all the trimmings, for just \$5.00. The Post Canteen will be open to the public for beer, wine and cocktails. We will rope off a secure area of our lot for the exclusive display of our Cadillacs and LaSalle's, and provide security guards to insure complete safety.

### **October Club Meeting at Littleton Library**

The 2nd Tuesday of October, the Bemis library is at

6014 South Datura Street  
Littleton, Colorado 80120  
Phone 303-795-3961

We will have the large, downstairs, meeting room from 7 to 9pm.



## **National Recognition The Director's Column by John Serfling**

The big news from my part of the world is the 2008 Cadillac & La Salle Club Grand National. My traveling companions, Paul and Janice Olson, have serialized our travels for you. We had a ball! I enjoy history, so visiting a Civil War battlefield and all of the historical sites in Philadelphia were a real thrill for me.

One of the highlights of the trip, of course, was the Saturday car show at the Grand National. The New Jersey & New York area has a greater concentration of people with the resources to restore cars than you can find elsewhere in the country. The result was 400 of the most beautiful Cadillacs and La Salles that you could ever hope to see gathered together. One of my personal favorites was a modified '53 that I would never want to own, but can appreciate what it took to create it. The paint job and interior were stunning, the hydraulics were a bit

over the top, but the star of the car was the engine. It had been removed from a wrecked CTS-V and installed in a beautifully modified engine compartment in the '53. This sucker will move!

The other highlight of the trip was the awards banquet. As banquets go, this was not the best I have ever attended because the waiters on either side of our table each thought the other would serve us. Consequently, no one did. We finally got food after everyone else was finished and their plates were being cleared away. But when the awards were presented, those of us from the Rocky Mountain Region were thrilled. First, we won the Norm Uhlr award for 2007. John Evans should be proud that the activities last year were great, but that at least 3 of our members had articles published in the Self Starter all of which were outstanding. Our Regional meet, membership additions and retentions and the Membership Appreciation dinner all figured into our winning the award. Thank you to all of you who made this possible—that is all of you, every member! When the award was given for the best submission to the Self Starter, I thought we had a chance. We see articles by John Washburn from time to time. Walt Brewer has a regular column and Michael Brittan wrote an article about his car. I jumped up with fists in the air when Michael's name was read. I was so excited everyone thought it was my award. I merely accepted the award on his behalf. Congratulations, Michael!

Our lack of a regular meeting place has morphed itself into an interesting set of meetings. Some attendees of the August meeting at the Elephant Bar & Restaurant enjoyed the patio while others met in the parking lot, then went inside to eat. As you saw on the front of this Dagmar, the September meeting date and time are dramatically different than what we are used to. Our immediate past director, John Evans, has arranged for us to have fun, food and a little meeting at a VFW hall. For our October meeting we are going to try meeting at one of the Littleton libraries. Several of them have meeting rooms and they are free. Look for details in the next Dagmar.

I reviewed our Constitution to see what we need to do for our annual elections. I thought you might be interested in how the election is supposed to work. The nominating committee will be announced at the October meeting, nominations will be announced at the November meeting, with additional nominations being taken from the floor at that time. The nominees would be listed in the December Dagmar, but there is no such issue and the election is to be held at the December meeting. Make plans now to attend the December meeting to make sure you get a chance to vote for your board.

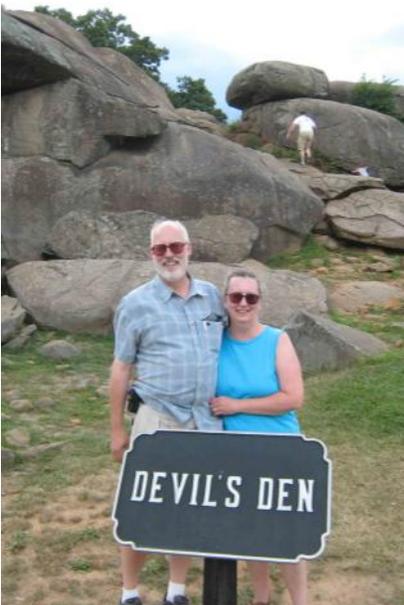
Our Regional event is coming September 13th at McCaddon Cadillac in Boulder. I'll see you there. I look forward to handing out the awards to all of the winners  
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**Cadillac and LaSalle Club Nationals— Dispatches From The Front**  
*by Paul & Janice Olson*

**Sunday, August 10: Direct from the front lines in Gettysburg PA.**

Today after a long journey via Wilmington DE RMRCLC board members visited the Devils Den and have lived to tell. We were also given a first class two hour tour of the front lines of this historic three day battle. We also visited the cemetery where Abe Lincoln delivered his famous address.

What's amazing is that over 165,000 soldiers were here to fight this battle and it isn't a very big place. The tour route is filled with monuments to the various military units that participated plus a good number to individual battle heroes. They are along side the road and scattered across the fields and forests near this town.



**Tuesday, August 12: Cherry Hill**

El Presidente finds new club house and orders it shipped to Denver. Club bank account plummets.



**Wednesday, August 13: Philidephia**

Today was a big day for El Presidente. He was magnanimously awarded the Key to Independence Hall for his patriotic love of the Cadillac Automobile by Philadelphia City Fathers.

In other news the Membership chair overrules El Presidente on new Club House purchase. Club bank account soars.

El Presidente then selects a club house more fitting of the Rocky Mountain Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club. He orders immediate disassembly of the building for shipment to Denver to be ready for the October meeting. Club bank account plummets again. He also worked hard at selecting

art work to adorn the foyer of the new clubhouse.



**Thursday, August 14: Cherry Hill**

Today we worked with an architect to develop concepts for the interior of the new club house. We decided to have the club meeting room above space to park our cars outside of the elements. It will have a glass wall to view the collection and a private bed room for El Presidente to look over the cars every day to ensure their safety. We think that this will be best for all. Club bank account plummets again.

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**Friday, August 15: Cherry Hill**

Today El Presidente hoped to obtain a sense of culture by taking a walking tour of the Independence National Historical Park. It has made a huge improvement in his historical perspective.

The Membership chair attended a CLC board meeting. He made presentation on single point membership registration and renewal to board members.

We also attended a GM reception. They played a neat video of Gary Cowger talking about the history of Cadillac. They also unveiled photos of the Hybrid Escalade, the CTS wagon, new CTS V, new SRX. It would have been nice to see the real thing but they were in Pebble Beach.

**Saturday, August 16: Cherry Hill**

Murder and mayhem at the Grand National. This morning the hotel was surrounded by police and access to the upper floors of the hotel were blocked off while Cherry Hill police investigated an apparent murder.

Film at 11PM. Updates as they happen.

**Club Wins Big!**

The Rocky Mountain Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club was awarded the Norm Uhler Regional Activity Award.

Mr. Michael Britton of the RMRCLC was awarded the Self-Starter Author of the Year Award.

We would like to thank all of the members of the RMRCLC for their hard work needed to win these awards.

**Aspen Viewing Tour, September 27th  
by John Cullinan**

September 27th is the date of our annual Golden Aspen Tour. We will be leaving early that Saturday morning from a rendezvous site near or on highway 285, probably Conifer. Then we will drive west to Kenosha Pass and into South Park to Fairplay to visit South Park City. From Fairplay we will drive southeast toward Woodland Park and Colorado Springs. We will stop at the Garden of the Gods before returning to Denver via a scenic route that will get us off I-25 all the way back to Denver.

If the aspens are cooperating, Kenosha Pass should give us a breathtaking golden display of color. As part of the tour, we'll be looking for a good place to have lunch, possibly in Manitou Springs. If you have any other recommendations, let me know.



**Please stay tuned for more information and pictures from the CLC Nationals next issue!**

# Club Director John Serfling accepts the Norm Uhler Regional Activity Award on behalf of the Rocky Mountain Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club



## A Tip To Rebuilding A 1949 Cadillac Carburetor, Carter 722S, The Kit Is The Key by John Washburn

*This article was written specifically for the 49 Cadillac Carter Carburetor, but it is the same for any Carter carburetor with metering rods and jets, and it is the same for Quadrajets (Carter or Rochester built ones).*

Rebuilding this particular Carter carburetor is not a difficult task but obtaining the correct rebuilding kit is. If you purchase your kit from any of the major auto parts stores and assume this will be all that is needed for a rebuild you are wrong.

Why would I say this? Seems these kits and many others do not supply the primary jets with the kits (and sometimes other parts). If you look at the first picture (Jets and Metering Rods Top Side) it shows the jets top side up with the metering rods. In the carburetor the jets will travel up and down regulating the gas flow. From the top the jets seem ok. If we look at the same jets and metering rods (Jets and Metering Rods underside) we notice that the hole is enlarged and out of round – if you can't tell by the picture you will have to trust me. The metering rods wear the jets, so in time the jets get larger and out of round. The result is the metering rods are not regulating the gas flow properly.

The next picture (Jets Attached to Metering Rods) shows how the metering rods

go into the jets. The constant up and down motion of the metering rods wears the jets. This is normal and when you purchased a rebuild kit from Carter, back in the 1950's and early 1960's, jets were always provided, as were all the other hard brass internal parts.

The final picture (Jet Close-up) shows my hand holding one of the jets. If you can make it out it shows that the hole is out of round. This is a bad thing, but the carburetor will still run ok, but less efficiently. That is it will use more gas.

Now the only carburetor shop that I know of which provides the jets with the kits is "The Carburetor Shop" out of Eldon, Missouri. Other shops may provide primary jets upon request but I am not sure of this. The Carburetor Shop's website is:

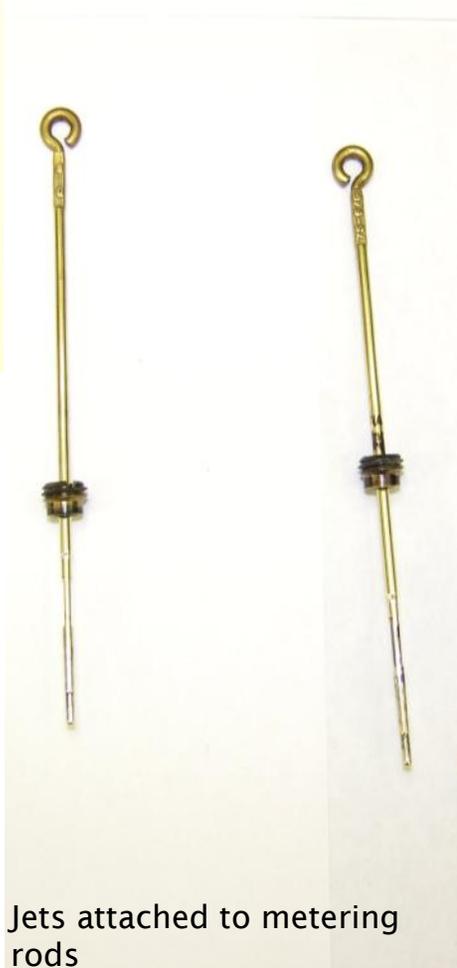
[www.thecarburetorshop.com](http://www.thecarburetorshop.com). The question of price is always part of the equation. The Carburetor Shop is more expensive. Their kits run \$60.00 and \$10.00 shipping for the Carter 722S. So you should be the judge. Do you want to take the carburetor apart, clean it, adjust the various assemblies, and put it back together with a kit without new jets then do so. The carburetor will run ok, but less efficiently. I choose to always do it right the first time.



Jets and Metering Rods—topside



Jets and Metering Rods—underside



Jets attached to metering rods



Jet close up

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**Monthly Meeting:**

See Page 1 for details on the July meeting. Following meetings are yet to be scheduled, as we have lost our long running meeting location.

**The Dagmar:**

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**Check out the RMRCLC Website at:**

[www.rmrclc.com](http://www.rmrclc.com)

and the national site at  
<http://www.cadillaclasalleclub.org>

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Several long time members



Now we know why our Director is so corny! John shows how well corn grows in Pennsylvania.

have showed up at meetings lately and told either me or other board members how enjoyable the meetings were. If you haven't been to a meeting for a few years, join us and see how the

meetings have changed. I do try to keep them light and since I am such a good target for clever comments from several of the regulars, we do end up having fun.

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## 1966 Cadillac Calais Comes Home by George Malesich

This is the story of a 1966 Cadillac Calais 4-door sedan (with "B" pillar) which followed me home just about two weeks ago from its original 1966 delivery location in Leadville, Colorado. The then-owner (the car's third) had recently died, and his nephew asked me if I might be interested in the car. I hadn't seen this car since 1972 and, up to this point, didn't even know it still existed. Of course, I was very interested for a variety of reasons, especially my history with this car.

The first owner of the Calais was a close friend of our family. He special ordered the car with most of the options available, except for the power windows which he considered unnecessary and prone to failure. The car is medium blue metallic in color with a blue cloth and vinyl interior. When the car arrived at my uncle's dealership, it was readied for delivery (if my memory serves me correctly, I believe I did the exterior and interior detailing). I was present when the owner drove the car home from the dealership, and I was a frequent chauffeur thereafter for him and his wife on many trips from Leadville to Denver and back. Interstate 70 was not completed in 1966, and the most direct route to Denver from Leadville was over Loveland Pass - not usually a problem unless one was tired, it was late at night, and the sound of gravel under the fenders from the shoulder



of the road brought the driver (me) back to full consciousness and prevented a serious accident!

I lost track of this car in 1972 when the owner traded it in on a new Cadillac (this time a Sedan deVille). The subsequent second and third owners of the Calais were also friends of our family, and the car remained in Leadville until I bought it. It is nearly showroom new inside and out, with 45K miles on the odometer. It's a nice driver and will be even nicer when the old bias tires are replaced with radials. The 1966 was always a handsome car, and it has not lost any of that charm in 42 years. I'm pleased the Calais is now resident in my garage.



## Upcoming Regional Meet by Leonard Johnson

The 18th annual Regional Meet is planned for September 13th at McCaddon Cadillac.

This coincides with the 50th anniversary of McCaddon in Boulder. Several '58 Cadillacs are slated to be present to commemorate George McCaddon's first year in business. Our host, Mark McCaddon, recently purchased a pristine '58 Series 62 Coupe with 24,000 original miles which will be on display in the showroom.

Presently, we have approximately 20 cars registered. We want a good turnout. There is ample space for 50 cars or more so please plan to show up around 8:00 AM to place your car. It helps tremendously if you register prior to the meet, so your information can be input by the organizers to facilitate registration, voting and producing the windshield vehicle description cards.

This year the food catering arrangements have been changed somewhat so folks should not have to stand in line so long. As always, there will be plenty of great food, beverages and dessert so come with a healthy appetite. There will be a total of 10 awards presented, so shine up your favorite Cadillac or LaSalle and come to Boulder September 13th.

### ***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**

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September 13, Saturday, Annual regional show, at McCaddon Cadillac in Boulder.

September 20, Saturday, Parade of Honor

September 20, Saturday, Colfax Cruise

September 27th, Saturday: Arboreal Autumnal Splendor (aspen) Tour. Route to be determined.

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

## **Other Events**

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September 6 -- Front Range Airport (Watkins) Aircraft and Car Show, free prostate cancer screening using new finger blood sample technique, food, vendors, many displays, no charge, sponsored by Urology Center of Colorado, Front Range Airport, and OCCC

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