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Rocky Mountain Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club



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2010 Clive Cussler Tour By Don Braden

People who know about vintage cars located in Colorado, from the 1908 Cadillac to the 50's, know this is the premier collection to tour, and we were not disappointed this time. Some 35+ people, driving their finest Cadillac and LaSalle livery, including some members we don't usually see, arrived on a beautiful summer day. We shared the tour with a motorcycle group (classic Indians in the parking lot) and some British car enthusiasts. Cars written about in Clive Cussler's novels were identified with a copy of the corresponding book also shown in the display. See the accompanying pictures in the online *Dagmar* to see what you missed. Not to worry, as restorations there go on, the collection is always changing, and we will return!





Director's Column
By John Serfling

It is already September, but our summer events are still going strong. We had four events in August and we have four more in September. Let's end the activities season on a strong note with a big turn out at all of the events.

The August events were great. The month started at the Cussler Museum. Wow! Do you suppose Clive needs a new best friend to drive his cars for him? Most of us are probably available for the job. Thanks to Don Braden for putting this together for us. If you didn't join us, you really should call the museum for its schedule and go!

As we left the Cussler Museum, a herd of us headed to Golden to set up for the Golden Cruise that evening. We made it to downtown Golden quite easily, but finding the designated parking lot was a bit of a challenge. Thanks to Larry Dilts for finally leading us to the correct address. Lunch was a lot of

fun, but watching the cars go by all afternoon and evening was the reason for being there. There are some nice cars in the Denver area, and most of them must have been in Golden that night. Thanks to Brad Bauer for making all of the arrangements for this event, even if he couldn't find the lot once we got to Golden.

I would like to thank Jeanie Tiffany for arranging an encore tour of the Wild Animal Sanctuary near Keenesburg. I trust everyone who attended was impressed with what they saw and made a donation.

Our final event for August was lunch and a car show at the Ten West Office Park. Laura Fenton, grand-daughter of member Gene Fenton, arranged this event. It's always nice to get fed while showing off our cars. Thanks, Gene, for having such a nice grand-daughter. Speaking of Gene, the snowbirds have flown back to Colorado, finally. Gene and Sue are doing well. We don't see them at meetings most of the year because they are in Tucson, so it was nice to see them at Ten West.

Hopefully, you are reading this prior to the Labor Day parade in Louisville. It is always a fun event. I hope to see you at breakfast at Tim Coy's house prior to the event. The next weekend will find an intrepid group traveling all the way to Akron for its annual air show. Be sure to let John Cullinan know that you want to attend. The weekend after that is the Colfax Cruise. Brad Bauer has taken up the cause of arranging for food. You must let him know if you will be partici-

pating or there won't be enough lunch for you. We end the month with our Regional Event at McCaddon Cadillac in Boulder. Please look for details elsewhere in this Dagmar. September will be a fun month for you. I'll be at most of these events. Please join me and all of the other regular attendees. We like seeing your cars, but mostly we like seeing your smiling faces.

This month I'll just write a short note about my Eldorado. I have heard a tinkling sound from the front end for quite a while, like two washing clinking against each other. It turns out that one of the new rubber bushings in the anti-sway bar link had cracked and fallen off. With the help of a C-clamp and a crow bar, I was able to easily replace both links with all new synthetic material that should last a long time. It was nice to have something work well for a change. Hopefully, there won't be anything to write about for a couple of months.

**Akron Radial Engine
Fly-In
September 11th
Akron, Colorado**

If you are planning attending the Akron Air and Car Show, Please contact John Cullinan at 303-738-3981 or juancull@aol.com.

**McCaddon Cadillac
Regional Show
By Leonard Johnson**

September 25 is the scheduled date for our Regional Show this year. As in years past, it will be held at McCaddon Cadillac, 48th & Pearl Parkway in Boulder. 303-442-3160. www.mccaddon.com. Mark McCaddon is once again graciously hosting the event along with The Rocky Mountain Cadillac & LaSalle Club. He already has his ad agency developing advertising and posters.

This year, we have decided to make a major change and open up the event to all collector and classic cars. We have generally seen a decent number of Cadillacs and LaSalles but there is plenty of space and it would be fun to see a variety of cars. I would encourage everyone to invite friends who would like to display their cars.

The event is scheduled to run from 10:00 until 3:00. I suggest that our members show up a bit early to get the best parking spaces. The McCaddon staff will help arrange our cars in a prominent space. At the next club meeting, I will bring advertising posters. It would be most appreciated if members would each take a few posters and post in suitable places.

There is no pre-registration required. No prizes or awards. Just come, display your car, and have fun. There will be plenty of food and beverages.

**Colfax Avenue Cruise
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**Colfax Cruise
Volunteers Needed
By Jim Salmi**

The Colfax Cruise is coming up on September 18, and in addition to whatever we do individually, the Old Car Council will be needing some volunteers to help with parking lots and welcoming participants. I don't have all the final details yet, but I would anticipate that we will be assigned one of the sites along Colfax Avenue, the same as last year. We would wave flags at passersby and help with showing people where to

park. Mostly, we'll just sit on our folding chairs and watch cars and people go by, like everyone else. Those who did it last year seemed to enjoy the day.

If you think you can help out, please let me (jcsalmi@gmail.com) or Bob Lyons (catmansea@aol.com) know, and give us your T-shirt size as well. I anticipate that there will be a kick-off dinner and orientation meeting the evening before for those of us who volunteer. Times and details will follow by email.

High Plains Tour By John Washburn

There were 19 folks and 10 cars that showed up at the Safeway in Elizabeth to kick off the High Plains Tour. Art Cutler and his trusty sidekick, The Johnny, only expected about 8 people to join us on this off beat tour. The total eventually grew to 27 people and 13 cars. John Cullinan and his entourage, 3 folks, met us later in the day, and our 4 friends from Kansas met us at Frank Lund's in Burlington. There was a small glitch in the program; The 4 Brewers (Rod, Chrissy, Roddy, and Andrea) got hung up in traffic due to a fatality accident, so showed up a little late. We left Elizabeth and headed east on Colorado 86. This proved to be scenic and interesting. Everything was green and various animals including antelopes were seen during the drive. Rod senior's response when I asked him about the antelope was "what antelope". Chrissy, his adult supervision just rolled her eyes.

Our first stop was the "I-70 Diner", in Flagler. Interesting old diner, it was moved to its present location and restored. I believe it came out of North Dakota. The food was good,

as was the dessert. But, as we learned, bringing in a large group unannounced makes for slow service. Next time we will warn the restaurant first. Next we headed down I-70 till Colorado 24 turned to a paved road, then we took it into Burlington. We rendezvoused at Frank Lund's "Art Deco" dealership. The folks from Kansas were already there, Max and Marrienne (driving the 59 Cadillac), and Monte and Nancy Miller (driving the 1968 Cadillac). Frank gave us a tour of his work in progress, fed us cookies and refreshments. Everyone seemed to have a good time.

Our next stop was at the Carson County Carousel & Museum. What a kick, everyone enjoyed the Carousel, and what a story of how it ended moving from Denver to Burlington. The museum was also very nice.

We migrated to the Old Town Museum, in Burlington to view what life was like in Burlington in days gone past. A lot of the folks were in need of substance at this time. Seems all this excitement brought on a case of the hungries. Our leader headed straight for the ice cream shop in the museum, our boy is no slacker.



Others soon caught on; Art did not tell anyone where he was headed, and a line formed for Ice Cream and such. Thankfully no one starved. Later in the afternoon folks began to migrate to Goodland, Kansas. The High Plains participants had a choice of the back road, 24, or I-70. Some went I-70 but most took the scenic tour through all the small towns.

Dinner was at The Crazy "R" restaurant in Goodland, lots of steaks and other casual food. Although we had made reservations and got a back area to ourselves, service was slow. Friday night brought a lot of folks out to eat. But the food was good. Frank Lund and his wife joined us for dinner.





Dinner ended and the weather changed dramatically. The first indication was when we got back to the hotel and it was full of storm chaser trucks. The storm chasers analyzed their programs and predicted large size hail in approximately 30 minutes, so most of us drove like scared children to a gas station with a covered area while the storm struck, some others (Whit Otis and Bill Woodman drove to a 25 cent covered car wash and hung out). No hail but lots of high winds and horizontal rains. Don Braden's 41 leaked a bunch, but that seemed to be the extent of the damage. Marv Mueller gave me a hard time. Seems he brought his new Cadillac, did not want to chance the old one being damaged. Yes, I gave him a hard time about this. So after we ran for cover Marv (who was accompanied by Patty) was the first to point out that I was the first heading for cover. He got me.

The next morning, after having the regulation breakfast, at the Super 8, we headed for the Goodland Museum of the High Plains. It was a nice museum and had the obligatory Sod House. It was a fun museum and something most folks never stop at.

Next we headed back to Colo-

rado, on back roads to visit the Kit Carson Museum (an old restored train depot). But seems there was a problem and it would not open till after lunch. So Art and I conferred and decided to go to the restaurant in town we liked (there are two in town). The pies are superb. Again 29 people unannounced strains the capability of these small places, especially during the branding of cattle day. Later the owner asked if we would call ahead if we ever wanted to do this again. It took awhile to get fed, but I checked and no one starved. I had peach pie, with ice cream for lunch and dessert and was happy with the results.

The gang then wandered back to Kansas, to visit the Ft. Wallace museum. I think most of us were surprised about the history of this settlement and how the early settlers came through this area. If you are ever in the area go see it. The experience wandering through the museum and the old buildings and understanding the hardships one faced is amazing.

It was now time to head for Colby, Kansas. It had drizzled all day so the temperature was cool and most of the cars ran nicely. But we had two casual-

ties, the 59 driven by Monte Miller had the AC pump seize up, so they had to cut the belt. Don Braden's door handle, on the driver's side broke so he could not close the door. Don took a quick run back to Burlington and parked the car at Frank Lund's full service garage. Art Cutler was his chauffeur on the way back (driving his 41 Cadillac Coupe).

Dinner was at the City Limits Grill in Colby. We had a section all to ourselves (yes we made reservations). The food was very good and the service was a nice change. I had beef and it was excellent, Martha was also happy with the meal, so life was good.

Now it was the time for the obligatory awards for those who had problems. Both Monte Miller and Don Braden were the recipients of these highly sought after awards.

Paul Olson and his long suffering wife, Janice, were given custody of the Paul Olson Flat Tire Award. So the next time you are on tour and get a flat, expect Paul to present you with this award. Seems Paul may have had a flat or two in his 1966 Cadillac.



The next day, Sunday, folks were on their own as to how they wanted to get home. Roddy and Andrea gave Braden and Jim Salmi a ride back to his car in Burlington, where Roddy found that the radiator hose in the 1966 Cadillac he was driving had a bubble in it. He purchased a new hose at a nearby NAPA store just in case, but he got home without the old hose failing. Frank and Don Braden were able to figure out how to keep the door closed on his 41 60 Special, and he got home without incident.

There were 7 of us who headed back on the old roads. I drove the 1949 with Martha, Bill Woodman drove his very nice 1949 60 Special with Brent Hladky riding shotgun, Whit and Georgia came along with their beautiful 1940 formal sedan, and Art Cutler in his 41 Coupe provided adult supervision. The trip back is another story, but we did stop for pie in Kit Carson. I almost made it home without any problems, but when we stopped in Hugo to view the restoration work on the old Union Pacific Roundhouse, the old speedometer cable broke. No big deal, but Art set the pace in his 41 till we hit Elizabeth.

I did not mention all who were on the tour. Jean Tiffany and her son Michael, who drove the 1973 Cadillac convertible, were there with us all the way, as was John Cullinan, Roseann Kaffer, and two of their buddies from Elizabeth, John and Janet Taylor, in John's 1963 Cadillac convertible. Art, this fat boy, and Martha will be heading out the 21st of

August, to see if we can scout out another interesting tour. Art and I want to thank all who participated. I hope you enjoyed the tour as much as we did.





Cadillac LaSalle Club Attends Cruise Golden By Brad Bauer

As many of you know the first Saturday of each month is reserved on most calendars of many car enthusiasts for the ever-popular Cruise Golden. Many heads turned when spectators saw up to 20 stunning Cadillacs all converged on the parking lot of Golden Real Estate donated to us by Mr. Jim Smith owner of the Real Estate company. We had

a total of 28 cars that attended throughout the day; some Cadillac owners attended for the entire day, while others came for a few hours but we defiantly made a presence in Golden.

For some of us it was a normal first Saturday, for others this was their first time at such an event and the general consensus was that everyone wanted to come back again next month. The thing that was most exciting for me was to see the continued smiles on

the club members faces as we all enjoyed each other's company. We did however have one difficult moment when Bob Lyons 1958 Caddy encountered a flat tire. One of the great Golden tire shop owners came over to help change the tire in no time flat and the car was returned to its natural beauty. We even gave Tuesday Morning a run on model cars when Brad, Nancy and Jan went over to look around and Brad found a model of a 1965 Cadillac. Of course he had to buy it but when he showed it to the rest of the club one by one George, Larry, and Bob all went over to purchase everything that was left.

I want to thank everyone who supported this great event. We are now setting our sights on Cruise Colfax.





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September 3-5 Alamosa, CO Alamosa Car Show, Cole Park www.earlyironclub.com

September 11 Ignacio, CO Sky Ute Casino Resort Car Show, 14324 U.S. Hwy 172 N. www.skyutecasino.com

September 18 Denver, CO Colfax Cruise, Old Car Council, Colfax Ave., 2PM-7PM, www.oldcouncil.org, 303-699-4819

September 18-19 Arvada, CO All British Car & Bike Meet, Colorado English Motoring Conclave, www.thecoloradoconclave.com



The club receives an award from the lady Marines, for all the support we have given driving them in parades. The presentation was at our August meeting.

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Proposed Activities:	Leader:	Date:
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Akron air show	John Cullinan	Sep 11
Colfax Cruise/picnic @ East High	Bob Lyons	Sep 18
Regional Meet/McCaddon Cadillac	Leonard Johnson	Sep 25
Exotic Car Garage Tour	Bahrenburg/Salmi	Oct 30
Wildlife Experience (I-25 & Lincoln)	Jeanne Tiffany	Oct ??
Veterans Day Parade	Jim Salmi	Nov 6

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