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Regular business meetings of the Rocky Mountain Region Cadillac and LaSalle Club are held on the second Tuesday of each month. We meet at the Elks Lodge at 2475 W. 26th. Ave. in Denver. The meetings begin at 7:00 PM with a dinner served beginning at 6:00 PM for those interested. The meetings are open to the entire membership.

## THE DAGMAR

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## NEWS IN BRIEF:

### FROM JOHN WASHBURN: ROTY AWARD UPDATE

Jim Salmi and I were able to lure the final recipient for the Redneck Of The Year – Award (ROTY-A) by suggesting lunch in late July.

For those who might have forgotten, this award was created by Porter Littlefield, of Maine, as a fitting award for those who exemplify Red Neck Standards and who also add great value to the Cadillac & LaSalle Club. Our regions first honoree was Timmy Coy (ok I have one also)... Porter makes these awards and determines who should receive them. Humor and fun and some beer are part of the selection process.

Pat Perlinger agreed to meet us for lunch at the Brewery Pub III, which is close to his house. He, of course, was not aware of our real purpose. Lunch was great as was our wide ranging discussion, telling of lies, and of course catching up on other RMRCLC member's lives.

Porter kept talking about Sheriff Pat and the award, which I thought was funny. Seems he thought Pat was a real Sheriff. It was not my role to dissuade him of this belief.

When Pat was informed of this great honor he was somewhat dumbfounded. He did not know Porter or recognize the award. I explained it as best I could and showed him the Jim Bob hat that went with it. Pat enjoyed the award and especially the hat.

Pat is now a ROTY-A award winner and I've got the pictures to prove it. Be sure to give him a call and congratulate him on this award and ask him about the secret hand shake. Pat has always been my hero.



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## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE FROM JOHN SERFLING

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The long, hot summer continues. As I write this we are only one day away from tying the all time record for number of 90+ degree days in a season. The forecast for the next 3 days is for the highs to be in the low to mid-90's. It looks like we will break the record. This does not make it conducive to driving our old cars. I have spent most of my time behind the wheel in Rick's TrailBlazer, because its air conditioning works so well. I did just drive my '63 convertible on a mundane errand, just because it was still daylight, but only about 80. I am ready for a lovely, long, cool autumn!

The club sponsored three major events during August, none of which did I attend, but I have good excuses.

The VFW Cookout was a hit with those in attendance. I have heard reports that everyone enjoyed it much more than last year. I was there last year, but not this year. Are they trying to tell me something? I couldn't attend because I was singing at a funeral (excuse #1).

The Yellow Ribbon Event was well attended by our membership, but very poorly attended by the general public. Members with whom I spoke felt badly for the service people in attendance. I missed this event because I was walking in the 25<sup>th</sup> annual AIDS Walk. Since the

Walk is my favorite charity and I was the #3 fundraiser this year at a little over \$5000, I couldn't miss it, even for a Cadillac event (excuse #2).

The final event for the month was our annual Regional Event at McCaddon Cadillac in Boulder. I haven't spoken with anyone who was there, but Leonard picked a beautiful day, as he promised us he would at the August meeting. One of my Schnauzers had surgery two days before the event, so daddy stayed home with his little girl (excuse #3). By the way, she is doing fine.

The Labor Day parade will most likely have happened by the time you read this, since Labor Day is on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. I have always enjoyed the line up time more than the actual parade. As we are positioning ourselves, we have a chance to look at the Thunderbirds, Corvettes and Model T's. As all of the groups pass the reviewing stand they stop to be judged, which causes major delays for those of us who are behind them. I try hard to stop in the shade of a tree each time, but that doesn't always work for me. We just crawl down Main Street. The pace does give us a chance to talk to the hundreds of people lining the street. You will be able to read about the parade in the October issue of *The Dagmar*.

Prior to the August club meeting the Board of Directors met. This was our first meeting in several years. Since three of us are retiring, we needed to discuss who will succeed us. A strategy was developed and names were suggested. After the club meeting, several members of the board approached club members to see if they would consider taking a leadership position. I am happy to report that it appears that we have all positions filled. I will provide details in the next issue, as required by our By-Laws.

One of my big accomplishments for the month was washing my '70 Eldorado. That may not seem like much of a feat, but I hadn't managed to get it done since April! Mind you, it has been parked in my storage garage all summer, so I haven't driven it very much. Unfortunately, I don't have a good excuse for letting it get so dirty. My other accomplishment was to replace the heater core in the '63 convertible, which you will be able to read about in a future issue, and remove the Bowden cable that operates the turn signals. I haven't found a replacement for it, but at least it is out of the car. One must remove the steering wheel to get the cable out. It only took three tries to get the wheel back on correctly. I need to pay more attention to which way is up. ♦

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## VFW COOKOUT AND CAR SHOW FROM JOHN EVANS

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On August 4, the folks at VFW Post 4331 in Arvada hosted our second annual Burger run and Car Show on a cooler than normal day this year. Over 20 Club cars and several other visiting

cars filled the back lot while oldies music and Bratwurst and Burgers were served up to hungry guests. If you have not attended our VFW Show in the past, why not plan to do so next year? Its always fun and a great way to

meet up with members and new folks who share our same old car passion while supporting the many VFW Veterans programs. Keep an eye out for information on this and other upcoming shows in *The Dagmar*.





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**SECRETARY'S MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
FROM NANCY TUCKER**

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**ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION CADILLAC & LA SALLE CLUB  
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
August 14, 2012**

Director John Serfling called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Elk's Lodge. There were 28 in attendance.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Minutes from last meeting are posted in *The Dagmar* and on the RMRCLC website.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Leonard Johnson reported that we have \$658 in the Christmas Charity Fund.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** No report

**CCCC REPORT:** No report

**OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:**

- Review of events since last meeting:
- Cruise Littleton
- Westerra Car Show
- Wild Animal Sanctuary tour
- VFW cookout
- Yellow Ribbon parade

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** (See page 5 for latest list of Proposed Events)

- Various members discussed upcoming events. Detailed articles will appear in *The Dagmar*.
- National Board Meeting hosted in Denver – January 10-12-2013

**CHRISTMAS CHARITY PROJECT:**

\$89 was donated to the fund, bringing the total to \$747.

**MEMBER MILE MARKERS:** Wayne Shmitka told us about his recent visit to the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Tucker, Secretary





**ACTIVITIES  
FROM JIM SALMI**

**Rocky Mountain Region CLC  
2012 Proposed Activities**

( as of August 31 )

<b>Proposed Activities:</b>	<b>Leader:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
Labor Day Parade (Louisville)	Tim Coy (303.673.0011) John Evans (303.425.9515)	Sept. 3
National Driving Tour (Las Vegas, NV)	N/A	Oct. 13-14
Veterans Day Parade	Jim Salmi (303.758.8930)	Nov. 10
N/A = Not Applicable		

**OTHER 2012 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.

1<sup>st</sup> Sat ~ Boulder, CO Informal car show, S.W. corner of Hwy 42 & Arapahoe, 8am-12pm on the first Saturday of the month.

1<sup>st</sup> Sat ~ Golden, CO Golden Cruise

2<sup>nd</sup> Sat ~ Littleton, CO Cruise Littleton, 5301 So. Broadway, Noon

Sept 7-9 ~ Vail, CO Vail Automotive Classic, [www.vailautomotiveclassic.com](http://www.vailautomotiveclassic.com).

Oct 6 ~ Loveland, CO Specialty Auto Auction, Larimer County Fairgrounds.

**LABOR DAY PARADE  
FROM TIM COY AND JOHN EVANS**

**J**ust a reminder that the Louisville Labor Day parade will be Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. The parade begins at 10:00am. We will meet at Tim Coy's house, 203 Short Place in Louisville and will leave for the parade form-up location at 9:30am. The form-up location is only a few blocks from his house. There will NOT be breakfast this year, but we will plan to eat lunch at Ralphie's restaurant on South Boulder Road after the parade.

To get to Tim Coy's house, take Boulder Turnpike (U.S.36) to McCaslin Blvd. Go north on McCaslin to Via Appia. Take a right on Via Appia and go to Lafayette St. Take a right on Lafayette and go to Short Place. The house is on the corner of Lafayette and Short Place.

We will NOT be able to throw candy from the cars. Candy must be handed out by someone walking along side the cars.

Let Tim or John know if you have any questions.





**THE WILD ANIMAL SANCTUARY TOUR (REVIEW)**  
**FROM NANCY TUCKER AND JEANNE TIFFANY**

**It was HOT but enjoyable...**

Nineteen of us braved the summer heat on July 28<sup>th</sup> when we visited the Wild Animal Sanctuary, followed by a cold beverage and delicious BBQ at the American Legion in Keensburg.



We strolled 3 miles of raised walkway to and from the Bolivian lion habitat, enjoying other animals along the way.



A few tigers were cooling off in big tubs of water while most of the leopards and lions were sleeping through the mid-



day sun. The bears were more active as we watched some of the adults playing and the cubs climbing a large



tree trunk. We were viewing apacacs in the distance when the foxes below us

went wild as they spied a small rabbit in their enclosure. Luckily the speedy little bunny escaped to safety. Rather than tell you more, I'll let the photos speak for themselves.

From home you can listen to the Sanctuary audio tour, narrated by Pat Craig, the founder and director. It is very interesting as he talks about the animals in each of the different habitats - their history, their rescue, their lives now, their habits, etc.

On the internet type [www.myoncell.mobi](http://www.myoncell.mobi) and then search for Wild Animal Sanctuary.

You can also call 303-834-3066 and at the prompts begin with #1 and go through the recordings until #16, which is the last at this time. ♦



**FRONT RANGE AIRCRAFT AND CAR SHOW**  
**FROM JIM SALMI**



as far as I know.

As everyone knows by now, the annual Colfax Cruise did not happen this year. The Collector Car Council of Colorado was unable to get any meaningful support from the various Colfax merchants, and reluctantly cancelled the cruise. This was a favorite event for our club. We picnicked and watched people and cars for most of the day. The fate of the cruise going forward is up in the air,

In lieu of the Colfax Cruise, the CCCC participated in the Air and Car Show at Front Range Airport near Watkins on Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. This has not been a club event as such, but several members usually attend. I saw Blaise Flaherty and John and Jody Henry, and maybe there were others as well. This year's show was even bigger than before, probably due to there being no Colfax Cruise. There were many cars, airplanes, tractors and miscellany on

view, as well as a car auction, swap meet, a poker run though the display area, and, of course, a vintage air show.

If the cruise doesn't happen next year, this is an event we might want to consider making a part of our events planning. We could consider showing our cars (you can leave the show early as I understand it) and having some kind of picnic or meal together. Something to consider. ♦





**ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR REPORT  
FROM JIM SALMI**

## Colorado Yellow Ribbon Parade (Review)

On Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, the club participated in the Colorado Yellow Ribbon parade in downtown Denver.



This was a brand new event for the city and for us. It was held in honor of returning veterans and, more broadly speaking, in honor of all those who have served in our military. It was a two-day affair, beginning on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> with a job fair. On Saturday, activities began with a memorial honoring the fallen.



The parade began at 10:00am, and featured marching troops from Buckley, Fort Carson and recruiting stations. The reviewing stand, in front of the state capitol, had representatives from NORAD, Northcom, the Air Force Academy and more. Paula Sarlls from the Women Marines Association, who is usually our host at these parades, was in the reviewing stand as well. She was one of the principal organizers of this event.

Our club members provided a total of six cars for the parade. The always reli-

able Peter Luce drove the parade Grand Marshall in his maroon '38 Cadillac



convertible sedan. This car was specifically requested by the parade organizers, and they were most grateful to Peter for helping out. The car (and Peter of course) is always a hit. John Evans drove his '59 SDV, John Cullinan had



his yellow '38 LaSalle convertible, Don Braden drove his '41 Fleetwood Sixty Special, Leonard Johnson was there



with a bronze '55 Eldorado Biarritz, and Nancy Tucker brought her white '93 Allanté ragtop. We drove members of the Women Marines Association and the Gold Star Wives. Our hosts were

most grateful for our participation. They sure love our cars!

The weather cooled down for us, and there were no mishaps-not even a case of vapor lock. Unfortunately, to say the parade was thinly attended would be an understatement. It seemed more than once that there were more people in the parade than watching it. The organizers did not receive the anticipated cooperation from the local media. I saw no articles in the paper, either before or after the fact. Apparently, a few mentions were made on the radio, but it was no wonder that the general public wasn't there. I doubt that any of us would have known about it if we weren't participating. The women we drove were certainly disappointed with the turnout. Nevertheless, our club did our bit for the cause and we can feel good about it. Whether this event goes on into a second year is anyone's guess, but our thanks go to our hosts and volunteer drivers. ♦





## REGIONAL MEET/McCADDON CADILLAC (REVIEW) FROM LEONARD JOHNSON

It was a perfect Colorado summer day for the Regional Meet hosted by McCaddon Cadillac on Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. We had a good turnout-



approximately 60 cars along with an admiring crowd of folks who seemed to love the cars. The newly remodeled McCaddon facility looks fresh and inviting, from the showroom to the service department, to comfortable customer waiting area.



There were three very special cars in the new showroom. A magnificent 1930 Red LaSalle from the Tebo Collection, which Jack Kinney proudly drove from Longmont. This is the car formerly owned by Bud Knight.



Ron and Linda Clubine brought two spectacular cars-a beautiful 1947 Green Cadillac Convertible and a rare 1958



Black Cadillac Eldorado Brougham. Many people did not even know what it was or what it truly represented at that time of GM automobile history.



The food, drinks and hospitality were better than ever. The set up on the service department driveway seemed to work exceptionally well. There was music this year which many people seemed to enjoy.



I considered this to be a great success, given that we were competing with several other events in and around Boulder. Last years Regional Meet was

in September and it rained. This year Mark decided to move the Meet ahead one month which turned out to be a very wise decision.



Many thanks to Mark McCaddon and his crew for always making this a special annual event. ♦





**EDITOR'S COLUMN**  
FROM **WAYNE SHMITKA**

## Visiting the Gilmore Car Museum

Our guest speaker at our May meeting was Bo Parfet, the great-grandson of Donald Gilmore, who is the founder of the museum. Bo's talk inspired me to make the drive to Hickory Corners, MI. I invited my car-crazy high school buddy to join me in this venture. Yes, the same buddy who accompanied my wife and me to the Grand National. And yes, we drove the Allanté!

We were there for the "Red Barns Spectacular" on Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. There were several hundred cars at the meet of



every make and model... classics, vintage, hot rods, vintage camping trailers



and vintage boats...even a Cushman motorcycle group...remember those??



We spent so much time with this event that we had to return on Sunday to visit



the displays in the barns...you name it and it was there.



On Sunday we were fortunate to meet the president of the CLCMRC, Paul Ayres and Gilmore Car Museum volunteer, Art Riley. Paul was very gracious to give us a tour around the complex in his '31 355 Sedan which is housed in the temporary Cadillac Gallery Carriage House. It's only temporary until the Cadillac & LaSalle Museum and Research Center is built.

The new Automotive Heritage Center houses many displays of fine automobiles. Well worth the visit without any other events happening.



We visited the site of the future Cadillac LaSalle Museum and Research Center. This is an ideal location within the 90 acre Gilmore grounds. Paul told me about the finances in order to get the Cadillac Museum off and running. They are at about \$600,000 of the \$1.2



million needed to begin construction of the 12,000 sq. ft. building. The contributions have not totally dried up but have flattened out quite a bit which will only postpone the construction. There is talk of having a contribution competition by Region to entice members to make contributions. The winning Region would be recognized by a plaque displayed in the museum.

On September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> there is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual CLCMRC Meet & Tour at the Museum. If you were to go I would suggest you find and introduce yourselves to Paul Ayres, Michael Spezia (the museum director) and Art Riley (museum volunteer) just to let them know that you are there. ♦



## *Cadillac & LaSalle Classifieds*

**For Sale:** 1950 Cadillac 2dr. Hardtop. Great condition. Original chrome and stainless. 33,000 original miles. New paint and upholstery. \$25,000 OBO. Contact Gene Fenton at 303.905.2107. Also have assorted sets of '50 - '70 Cadillac hubcaps and hood ornaments. Call to see if he has what you need.



**For Sale:** 1976 Cadillac 4dr. - 5 passenger Talisman Fleetwood. Black with black velour interior. 500 cubic in. engine with 76,000 miles. Perfect paint and everything works except the clock. New tires. The car is 100% complete and has the Elkhide top cover. \$15,000. Located in La Junta, CO. Contact 2nd. owner Elmer Giltner at 719.384.7993 or 719.241.0011



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**For Sale for Parts:** 1950 Cadillac 92,000+ mile parts car, series 6219, 4-door sedan. Parts available include engine, transmission, and drive train plus windshield, sombreros, rear bumper, fender skirts, all 4 doors, rear fenders, right front fender and trunk. Rust is a problem with fenders. Not running but can be transported. Currently located in Denver. What do you need? Call Don Braden at 303.744.8848.

**For Sale:** 1993 Allanté with hard top plus black soft top. Only year with Northstar engine. 38,300 miles. Teal green, beige leather interior. Heated seats, gold keys, matching dashboard cover. Always garaged; excellent condition. \$14,000. Contact Phylis at 970-484-7612 (Fort Collins, CO) or Sitzman@aol.com.



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