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NEWSLETTER OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION OF THE CADILLAC AND LA SALLE CLUB

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EDITOR'S COMMENTS:

I am finally publishing another edition of the Dagmar, the News Letter of the Rocky Mountain Region of the National Cadillac and La Salle Club. Thanks to Bob Lyons for his story on this visit to Car Museums and Collections in other parts of the country and thanks to Tim Coy for his of the CLC Reunion in Florida in November. I hope I can soon be thanking others for the stories they submit. I am sure many of you have stories or information that would be of interest to our members. Please submit them to me in PDF form for inclusion in our Spring Edition of the Dagmar.

This last year we Local Region Members have reached out to Cadillac owners and enthusiasts who have recently join the National CLC and invited them to join our region. The National CLC requires membership in the National CLC for all those in the Regional CLC Clubs. We invite all those new National CLC members to join our region.

These last two years have not been good years for organized in-person gatherings and events. But starting the 2nd Tuesday of March we will have our first IN PERSON Member Meeting and dinner at the I-hope on 52 just East of Wadsworth. We fill start gathering at 6:30. The address to put in your GPS is :

5280 Wadsworth Bypass
Arvada, CO 80002
(303) 425-1134

At our last Zoom Meeting we made a list of events we will be having this year. Please inform me and our activities director of any events you might recommend. But as it stands now we will be having the following events:

February 26th: Coffee and Chrome at Gateway Classic Car show room and parking lot on February 26th From 9am to 12pm. 14150 Grasslands Dr Suite A, Englewood, CO (303) 626-2285

CAFFEINE & CHROME
WHERE DREAMS ARE DRIVEN
Gateway
WWW.GATEWAYCLASSICCARS.COM

March 8th: Dinner Meeting at I-Hop Arvada
March 12th: Tour the Shelby Collection in Boulder, 10 AM
March 26th: Gateway Caffeine and Chrome 9am to 12pm.
April 9th: The Vault in Parker
April 12th: Dinner Meeting at I-Hop Arvada
April 30th: Gateway Caffeine and Chrome 9am to 12pmj
May 10th: Dinner Meeting at I-Hop Arvada
May 15th: Members Appreciation Brunch (Details and Location to Follow)
May 28th: Gateway Caffeine and Chrome 9am to 12pm

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Directors Notes:

Like all the club regions, our club was stifled by the lingering on going Covid pandemic. However, in light of that, we were able to enjoy a Colorado rocky mountain tour to visit two old gold mining towns, one of witch is still in the business of mining gold. It is one of the largest gold mining operation in the United States. We toured this old town of Victor, the mine and some of its fine old buildings. We enjoyed lunch in one of the oldest buildings with creaking wooden floors and metal paneled ceiling and,good conversation. We thank our assistant Director and Dagmar Editor for planning and putting together wonderful this tour. He will have more phots and details in the this edition of the Dagmar.

Even though many car shows were postponed, some of our members were able to participate in a few shows that we open. Our Club enjoyed participating in a parade in the town of Louisville, Colorado set up by our member Tim Coy, who severed a great continental breakfast before the parade. At this parade we experienced a very pleasant supersize as hundreds of spectators turned out to view this parade. We were all so happy to see this turn out. We are working diligently to put together some safe and fun events for 2022. On my next years "summary of events" I hope to post many more club events we've enjoyed.

Pocket Rocket
50 YEARS

CLC Reunion achieves its purpose, gets members back together again

By Tim Coy

It appears the pandemic cancellations of CLC events may finally be over. The Cadillac Fall Festival was held Sept. 24–25 at the Gilmore Car Museum campus near Hickory Corners, Michigan. Next on the agenda was the CLC Reunion 2021—"Back Together Again," based in Kissimmee, Florida. Four days in the second week of November was ideal for CLC members and their guests to gather in balmy weather, take in three car collections and a pirate show, and generally getting together physically again was just what the doctor ordered.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 10

Registration in the Marathon Suite at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista South opened right on time. CLC Registrar Cynthia Rutledge's first rodeo (out of three attempts) was to hand out envelopes containing custom name tags and lanyards and check off names. Yours truly and Rubye Hubbard filled orders for each guest, as a commemorative T-shirt, a plastic drinking cup, and a Cadillac-logoed coffee mug were given out to all registrants. Dozens of arrivals hung out in the Hospitality Suite, imbibing on soft drinks, libations, and an array of snacks brought in by "The Caddy Queen," CLC Meets and Tours VP Marsha Redman.

Besides this author and registrar Cynthia Rutledge, other Rocky Mountain Region members in attendance were John and Nancy Easterling of Bailey, Colorado.

That evening, we were supposed to gather on the outdoor deck at the hotel for the Cadillac Welcome Dinner, but Mother Nature had different ideas. The rain drove us indoors into one of the meeting rooms, where gourmet hot dogs and hamburgers and all the fixin's were devoured by the hungry guests, many of whom had traveled that day. CLC President Glenn Brown and Mecum Auctions' David Morton addressed the crowd, talking about the immediate future plans of both organizations.

BIG DADDY DON
GARLITS
Museum

THURSDAY, NOV. 11
The first day of tours started off to the north, bound for Ocala, Florida, with half the attendees going to the Big Daddy Don Garlits Museum of Drag Racing, and the other half taking in the National Parts Depot (NPD) private collection. "Big Daddy" Don himself made an appearance for the morning group and was presented with a CLC appreciation certificate and Cadillac-logoed coffee mug by President Brown. If you're into drag racing, this museum fulfills your every dream, with many of Garlits' dragsters and event photos on display, along with a classic car collection in a separate building. Sadly, only one Cadillac, a 1932 Convertible Coupe, was in the collection. A 1942 flathead engine was also shown in a plexiglass display case.

Both groups met at the Garlits Museum for a barbecue lunch provided by Sonny's BBQ, a regional chain of restaurants, and departed immediately thereafter for the attraction they did not visit that morning.

The NPD collection included many original, unrestored cars, several with 100 miles or less on the odometers. Just about every domestic brand was represented, with several Cadillacs in the collection. An extremely large assortment of Kodak cameras and film ephemera was also shown in glass display cases along the walls.

Rick Schmidt, son of NPD's founder Jim Schmidt, was presented with a CLC certificate of appreciation by Executive Vice President Ronnie Hux. Rick talked to the morning crowd for a few minutes about the history of NPD, founded in 1976. During the Q&A session, he was asked why NPD doesn't sell reproduction parts for Cadillacs. Schmidt explained the market is already fragmented by the many vendors that sell Cadillac parts and that NPD does not want to fragment it any Further

Friday Nov. 12
Only one tour was planned this day, a 50-mile jaunt to the Florida town of Melbourne to see the American Muscle Car Museum, the 325-plus-vehicle private collection of Mark Pieloch, toured only by groups such as ours and attendees at charity events. As with the National Parts Depot collection, the American Muscle Car Museum includes many examples of original, unrestored vehicles, some with very few miles.

From a Burt Reynolds-autographed 2018 Pontiac Trans Am Worldwide Bandit Edition to a 1956 Volkswagen Microbus Deluxe 23-Window, at least one car (or truck) in this collection will appeal to just about everyone. Before the attendees embarked on the magical journey of their lost youth, Glenn Brown presented yet another CLC appreciation certificate to Pieloch, thanking him for allowing us to tour his fabulous collection.

Following lunch catered by Firehouse Subs, the group toured the back shop, where all the cars undergo repairs and maintenance before they hit the museum floor. A 1977 Oldsmobile Delta 88 Indianapolis 500 Pace Car had all four wheels off for possibly a brake inspection and was up on a lift for all to see.

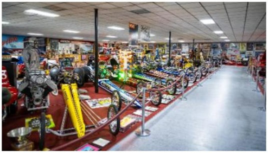
On another lift was a black 1991 GMC Syclone pickup truck, originally sold in Golden, Colorado. This author was an advertising sales rep for the now-defunct *Rocky Mountain News* in 1991, and I called on Emich Olds-GMC, the selling dealer, according to the original window sticker still affixed. Small world! Both Thursday and Friday nights were open for attendees to hang out in the hotel bar enjoying the Happy Hour free drinks and in the Hospitality Suite to enjoy each other's company even more.

SATURDAY, NOV. 13

Except for national CLC officers, this was a day to sleep in. President Brown led a Strategic Planning Session to discuss the future of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club. The CLC has existed for over 63 years, and we want to make sure the Club will be here 63 years from now and still be viable. Many great ideas were shared by those in attendance.

Following lunch, most of the attendees got on the buses and traveled to Orlando for the matinee showing of Pirates Dinner Adventure, a last-minute substituted activity. As it turned out, Capone's Dinner & Show could not accommodate us. The many swashbuckling heroes and the mermaid played by the young actors delighted the crowd, and some of our group participated in the production by raising flags and being tied up like a scurvy dog, but no one walked the plank.

A few members from the nearby Florida Suncoast Region brought their classic Cadillacs to Kissimmee for the week, but this event was not meant to be a car show. It's not certain at this time if another CLC Reunion will be held in future years, but you never know. Many, many thanks to Glenn Brown, Ronnie Hux, Marsha Redman, and the Rocky Mountain Region"s Cynthia Rutledge for their roles in a job well done in conceiving and leading this first-of-its-kind event.



A WHIRLWIND TOUR OF TWO CAR MUSEUMS AND A CAR SHOW IN THE VILLAGES OF FLORIDA

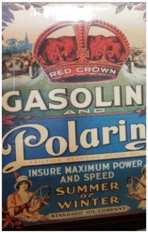
Experienced by Bob and Marti Lyons

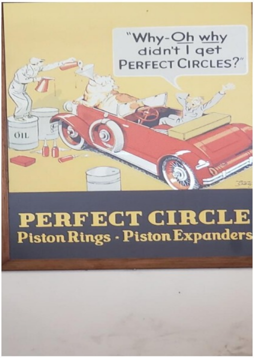
CADILLAC
Revs INSTITUTE FOR AUTOMOTIVE RESEARCH

Marty, my wife, and I had the good fortune to take an extended vacation to tour from Colorado thru Michigan and down to Florida. Along the way we visited two very interesting and unique automobile museums and a fun car show.

When we got to Michigan, we stayed with Marty's brother, Mike, in the small town of Carlton. Mike took to breakfast at local farmers restaurant. While there, Mike introduced us to a couple of his friends. In our conversation Mike told them I am a car enthusiast and collector and very interested in looking at special cars. To my surprise, Mike's friends told us about a small privet museum that one of their friends owns. Of course, right away I needed to know where this place is. They gave me the address and away we went.

Being that Carlton is a very small town, it didn't take us long to find the spot. This place Looked like a old time "out of business" gas station, they named "Polarine" after a motor oil made during the teens. The door was open and I waked in. A gentleman advised me that there is no one that tends the shop (the museum). He gave me the key to the "shop" door and I went in. What a treat. The museum has great old ad poster memorabilia and was wall to wall with so many great classics, ranging from the teens to the thirties. There is a cute 20's Ford ice cream truck, a restored '35 Hupmobile and a rear original condition '32 Stutz. There's even a photo of Dustin Hoffman who purchased a '37 Packard from this museum. These Michigan Museum guys have been around for a long time.



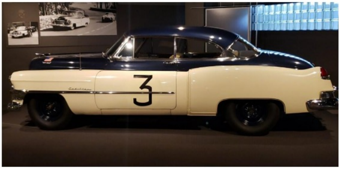

"Why-Oh why didn't I get PERFECT CIRCLES?"
OIL
PERFECT CIRCLE
Piston Rings - Piston Expanders

ICE
CREAM
FROSTY ICE CREAM SALES

After our wonderful museum visit in Michigan, we continued to the south. We were invited to stay with Marty's cousin in "The Villages of Florida." This is a Senior living community. And believe or not, these seniors know how to put on a car show. All the cars in this car show are restored or customized by the resident owns. View the photo array accompanying this article at an event area of the Villages, called "Spanish Springs."

Once we were able to tear ourselves away from visiting the car enthusiasts and their cars in the Villages, it was time to venture further south in Florida to Naples. There we visited a very sophisticated and professional: "REVS Institute For Automotive Research." This museum institute is dedicated to the preservation of the history of automotive technology and design through the restoration and care of fine classic cars and special racing sport cars. Each car on display is researched and fully restored to its original specifications, and for those that are in excellent original condition, they are carefully maintained. All these wonderful machines are periodically driven to keep them running in tip top shape. Many of these classics are one-off productions. A good example of this is the 1928 MG Racer, and a 1935 Fawn colored DeLahaye who's body is designed to invoke the look of high speed racing luxury sport cars. Many of the cars are among some of the oldest used on the racing circuit. A 1901 chain driven race car is an example of one of those. A '27 Packard Coupe was customized by Packard as a speed racer used in many races. A Ferrari built in 1945 shows the advancement in the development of high speed racing machinesup to that time.

One of the world's greatest automotive racing events is the Grand Le Mans open race. Cadillac entered that racing seine in 1950 when they entered their "Series 61" hard top Coupe De Ville in the prestigious Le Mans race in France. This unexpected entry of a full sized luxury car was made fun of by the French as well as other participating countries. Averaging a speed of 81.5 MPH for the 24 hour period of the race,
this speed was only 8 MPH less than the winner that year. The Cadillac placed tenth - a finish that, to the crowd, was as surprising as the car's entry in to the race.



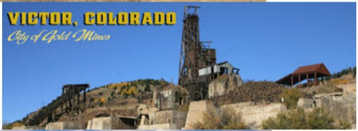
There are so many unique and great classics at the REVS Automotive Museum such as the 1896 Panhard & Levassor Wagonette, or the 1930 Duesenberg and cars such as the 1933 Packard Twin-Six Phaeton.

The REVS Museum has too much to cover for just one article. So one really needs to add this to the their schedule of museums to visit.

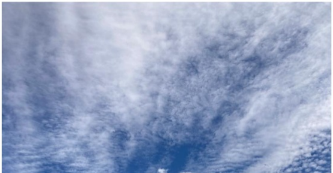
FALL TOUR TO VICTOR AND CRIPPLE CREEK, OCTOBER 9, 2021

The last two years have not been very active ones for the Rocky Mountain Region of the National Cadillac and La Salle Club. But we did have a fine Summer Mountain Driving Tour in July and a Fall tour to the Gold Camp District west of Colorado Springs and Pikes Peak. But we will be more active this year.

The drive was scenic and some Aspen were cooperating with a good display of Gold Leaves. We all met at the Lowell Thomas Museum in Victor for a short presentation followed by a guided bus tour of the whole Gold Camp region whose mines are still producing Gold.



Skies Above the Gold Camp Region



The Homestead Parlour House Museum. Cripple Creek

The Parlour House catered to the wealthy mine owners who had to pass a Credit Check before they could avail themselves of the special “activities” this place afforded them. It was founded by a very attractive and enterprising young lady from Ohio. She told her family back in Ohio that she ran a millenary (hat) shop in Cripple Creek. She did work with women but who made Merry and did not make hats. The sitting room, living room and dining room were constructed and detailed by skilled craftsmen, some who came from Europe. The gowns the ladies wore were from the House of Worth of Paris. See the photo below of the woodwork and wall treatment. Also note how the ladies and customers are dressed in the litho resting against the wall.

In the 1970s, one of the guides at the Homestead had actually been one of the ladies who worked there. She said the ladies of the Homestead provided birth control for the wealthy ladies whose husbands frequented it. She also said the ladies were only able to shop and walk the main streets of Cripiple Creek on Monday mornings. Pearl de Vere, the Madame of the House, is purported to have killed herself with a laudanum overdose. When her sister came West from Ohio to claim her sister’s body, she refused to do so when she learned her sister was a Madame. The town was outraged and thousands turned out for the funeral processional as her casket was horse drawn to the grave yard, where, today, fresh flowers can

be found by her grave.

HOMESTEAD
PARLOR HOUSE

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