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Father's Day Car Show At Lincoln Meadows By Blaise Flaherty

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Nothing brings out the memories like an old car. Whether it's a Metro or a Cadillac, come join us for a fun day at Parker's largest retirement community Lincoln Meadows. Hosted by Renee and Blaise Flaherty, we're sure you will have a good time. Set up is at 9AM and show time is 10AM to 2PM. People's choice awards will be given out at 1:50PM. Lunch provided by Lincoln Meadows, so wipe off the winter dust, air up the tires and join us for Father's Day.

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New Meeting Time and Menu! By Jim Salmi

As most of you know, there have been some discussions concerning the food quality at our meetings, and we made a change starting at last month's meeting. Instead of having the Elks provide the food, we ordered in pizza and salad from Pasquini's and nobody complained. The Elks who did the cooking were volunteers who are not chefs or caterers. It was something of a burden on them. We mutually agreed to make this change, and they are perfectly happy with it as well.

Going forward, we are going to order pizza, salad and dessert from Pasquini's to be delivered by 6:15pm. We are planning to place the order based on thirty-five attendees and we'll see how that works. We will continue to get our beverages separately from the Elks bar, just as we have been doing all along. We will try our best to hold the charge at \$12.00 TOTAL per person, which will cover the delivery charge and gratuity. This is the same final price range as before. We'll collect the money at 6:00pm.

A side benefit of the change is that we save significant time by

having the food all ready to be eaten by 6:15pm, which allows us to move up the business meeting portion to 7:00pm instead of 7:30pm. We'll all get home thirty minutes earlier, which will be especially nice in the winter months. So, here's the new agenda:

Dinner at 6:00pm
(\$12.00 per head)
Meeting at 7:00pm

Happy munching and motoring.





Director's Column By John Serfling

As Mr. Hammerstein said "June is busting out all over". We have four official activities scheduled for the month. Please join us for some or all of them.

You read about the Shelby/Dougherty Tour in the May Dagmar and a reminder appears in this issue. If it hasn't already happened by the time you read this, please join us. Nancy Tucker has put together a fun day for us.

The National Driving Tour is based in Amarillo, TX this year. Amarillo is just a 7 hour drive from Denver, so we should be participating. I only know of two members who are going, Whit from Colorado Springs and Bill from Pueblo. I received a call from Rubye Messer, the Director of the North Texas Region informing me that I simply must attend. Unfortunately, I had to disappoint her. Rubye and her crew are a fun group and I am sure the 98 attendees that have registered so far will have a good time.

Once again this year, Blaise Flaherty has invited us to the retirement home where his wife works for a Father's Day car show and picnic. Those who have attended in the past really

enjoyed the day. I think I'll have to join them this year. The older men, especially, enjoy seeing our cars. Help us put a smile on a senior's face. See Blaise's article in this issue.

On June 25 we will once again be heading to the VFW Hall in Arvada. There is always a good turnout for this one and the burgers are some of the best around. John Evans is our host for this event. I attended the first one of these way back in '08, but skipped the '09 installment. Several other members and I were trashed on the front page of the Dagmar for not attending, so most of those named returned for '10. If we notice that you aren't there this year, you may receive public ridicule. You wouldn't want that to happen now, would you?

I haven't needed to work on either of my Cadillacs for a while, thankfully. I had worried a little about my '63 convertible. I installed an overflow tank for the radiator several years ago. For the past year or so it seems that there is never much fluid in the tank, but the radiator is always full. Is it dripping out from somewhere? Do I have a head gasket leak? I don't see signs of leakage in the garage and no white smoke is coming out of the exhaust pipe. Paul Olson tells me he gave up on the idea of the

tank on his '66, because it didn't operate correctly. He has led me to believe that I am experiencing similar issues. I trust his opinion, since I consider Paul to be about the same caliber of mechanic as I am (sorry, Paul), so we could be very wrong. If anyone has any ideas, please let me know.

I learned recently that it is much easier to change spark plugs on one of our old cars than it is on a modern in-line 6 cylinder vehicle. It was time to replace the plugs on our '06 TrailBlazer. I think the rear plug is about half an inch in front of the radio. Five plugs were quite easy to change, but that last one wasn't much fun. First, I had to drop the plug socket down the hole, then drop the extension onto it and lock them together, then add the ratchet. The diameter and depth of the hole where the plug is located and the proximity of the cowl necessitated this. All the while my knees were hyper extended as I leaned in from the front bumper. Success was achieved and the car runs well. I'm glad I won't have to do that again for another 100,000 miles!

Get out and join us this summer for a parade, a show or a tour. You are also more than welcome to join us for pizza at the monthly meetings. Read Jim Salmi's article about the change in our meetings.

Don't forget that our meetings will start at 7:00 instead of 7:30!



VFW Car Show
By John Evans

This year, the Arvada VFW Post 4331 will be sponsoring the always popular RMRCLC Show and Burger Run at the new location at 5340 Marshall Street in Arvada (ph. 303 424-3824).

Flame broiled burgers, bratwurst and all the trimmings as well as soft drinks and adult beverages will be available in the Canteen as always. The Arvada Post has a private fenced lot behind the building to display our cars, with an anxious crowd looking forward to kick off this years event on

Saturday, June 25th from 11:30-2:30 p.m.. Drive in will begin at 11:00 a.m. .Please come on out and show off your pride and joy, while demonstrating our support and appreciation for our American Veterans of Foreign Wars. See you there.

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the Rocky Mountain Region Cadillac and LaSalle Club



Shelby Tour Saturday, June 4 By Nancy Tucker

Don't forget the Shelby/Dougherty tour as it is going to be a fun event with a real variety of things to see and enjoy.

We'll meet at 8:30-8:45 a.m. in the parking lot at 32nd and Youngfield, on the northeast side of Applejack Liquors and in front of King Soopers. Departure will be promptly at 9:00, heading west on 32nd through Golden and north on scenic Highway 93.

For those folks who want to meet at the first stop..... we should arrive at the Shelby American Collection in Boulder at about 10:00 or shortly thereafter. It opens at 10:00. The address is 5020 Chaparral Court and admission is \$5. It has cars, history, memorabilia and you don't have to be a racing enthusiast to be impressed with the exhibit.

After about an hour we will drive 8 miles to the Dougherty Museum at 8306 N. 107th/Hwy 287 in southern Longmont. It opens at 11:00 and the admission is \$5. It houses a delightful private collection of antique autos, including four early 1900's Cadillacs, as well as phonographs, farm equipment, musical instruments and other memorabilia from long ago. I know it will be a delight!

After the museum, at about 1:00, we will drive a mile away to colorful Prospect and the Two Dog Diner which has a huge selection of delicious food. The tour ends there, but you may want to stay a little while afterwards to check out the colorful homes and little shops of Prospect.

If you can, please drop me a note at nantuck1@msn.com by Memo-

rial Day to let me know if you are coming and so that I will be able to let the restaurant know approximately how many diners to expect. If you decide to join us at the last, please do and don't worry – you don't need a reservation and the count is only an approximation to help the diner better serve us.

Rambler Ranch Ramble By Jim Salmi

The world didn't end on Sunday, May 22, after all, so the benefit at the Rambler Ranch in Elizabeth proceeded on schedule. Although not a CLC club event, a few of our members and friends attended and enjoyed the event. I saw Marvin and Patty, and Jake Madsen's '41 Cadillac was on display. The benefit was for the Model A club, and was specifically intended for car club members, many of whom displayed vintage cars of various marques on the grounds of the Ranch. Many of our members have been to Rambler Ranch before, so they know how immense it really is. Privately owned by Terry Gale, who was on hand for questions, the collection reportedly runs in the neighborhood of four hundred cars, spread over multiple buildings and land. The main "garage" alone is 60'x300' and is currently holding 107 cars. Ambassadors, Americans, Gremlins, Hornets, Matadors, Javelins,

AMX's, Eagles, Concords, Alliances, and yes, Pacers, fill the buildings and parts and project cars spill out over the woods beyond. Everything for fans of the American Motors persuasion. The bulk of the cars are 1950's through 1980's vintage, although several as far back as the early thirties were on display as well. I had the impression that Terry bought many of the cars from estates when the getting was good, and only a minority are restored by him, although when you have a collection of four hundred cars, "minority" can still be a pretty big number. Although Nashes and their descendants are his focus, like any car guy he has other makes in the inventory, including Chrysler products, a Bricklin, Rolls Royce, a Packard, Edsels, and on and on. Nash also owned Kelvinator, after the founder of Kelvinator took over the helm of Nash conditioned on its purchase of Kelvinator so he wouldn't be away from his creation, and there is a beautiful collection of vintage Kelvinator refrigerators and appliances and an early fifties kitchen in the commissary area. And of course, there is plenty of petroliana, sales brochures, model cars, etc.

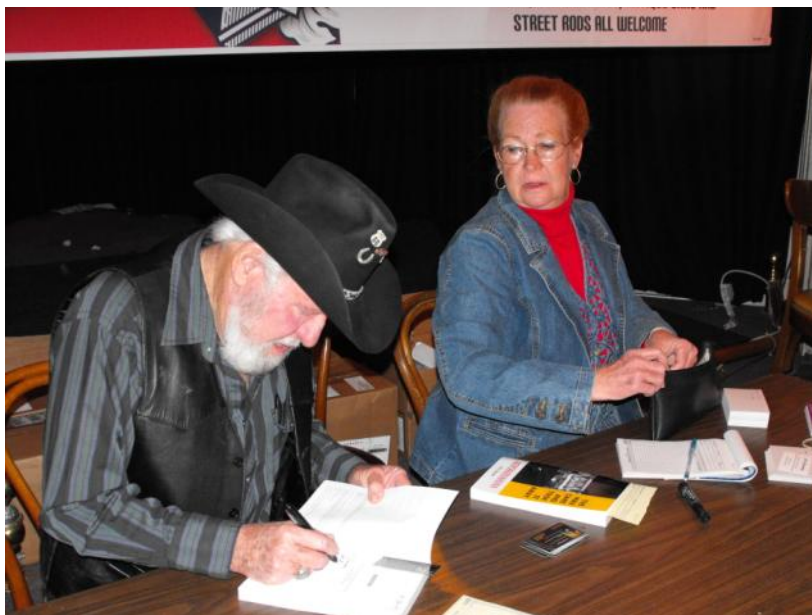
More information on the Rambler Ranch is available at www.rambleranch.com. Anyone who hasn't been there should think about seeing the result of Terry Gale's obsession. You won't be sorry.





Bill Bowser's Book Signing By Jim Salmi

On Saturday, April 30, clear but brisk Spring weather allowed Bill Bowser's book signing and car show to proceed as planned. As most members know, Bill had a colorful (putting it mildly) career as Denver's legendary automobile repo man for many years. He wrote a book about it several years ago entitled "THE MAN CAME AND TOOK IT AWAY", and it has been reprinted. Bill and Sue set up shop at Fat Fenders Grille & Saloon for the signing, and friends and members of car clubs of which he is a member, including ours, showed up. We've heard some of his stories, and they will be fun to relive with the book. For those who would like to purchase a copy, get in touch with Bill. He's not shy.



Sheplers B.P.O.C. Show A Success By Jim Salmi

A nice but windy day on Saturday, May 21, set the stage for the annual B.P.O.C. show put on by the Rocky Mountain Olds Club at Sheplers, and our little club was pretty well represented. Eighty three cars in total filled the west parking lot and there was a good sized crowd of spectators taking in the scenery. These kinds of shows are a nice, informal and low-pressure way for clubs of multiple marques to display their wares and mix socially. A number of our members belong to several clubs, so it isn't as though everyone is a complete stranger. Sheplers are very accommodating with their "facilities" and lot, and it gave them an opportunity to attract customers to the store. There was a food vendor selling hamburgers and such, so nobody had to go away hungry.

After a couple of hours of looking and mingling, it was time for the awards, and our members got their share, though not necessarily for Cadillacs. James Sears won third place in the 4-door category for his black '57 Buick, and Larry Dilts won third place in the station wagon category for his '96 Buick Estate Wagon. Leonard Johnson's '55 Eldorado Biarritz convertible got a third place trophy for convertibles, and George Dameron's big yellow '48 Buick won first. There was a first place award given in the modified category for a nicely tricked out '55 Coupe deVille. Fittingly, the Best of Show award went to a Cadillac, Michael Brittan's '57 Cadillac convertible. Not too shabby. Jim Salmi, Leonard, Nancy Tucker and Marvin Mueller got door prizes. And Bill Bowser even sold a few books.

All in all, it was a nice show.



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- Jun 3-5 Loveland, CO Good Guys Colorado Nationals, The Ranch, 925-838-9876,
www.good-guys.com
- Jun 11 Golden, CO Wild West Auto Roundup, Washington Ave., Golden, 9am to
4pm
- Jun 12 Littleton, CO Exotic Sports Car Show & Concours d'Elegance, Arapahoe
Community College, www.cpcocolorado.org/concours.
- Jun 12 Golden, CO All Fords Picnic & Car Show, Arapahoe Park
- Jun 18 Aurora, CO Havana Cruise, Havana betw. Alameda & Parker Road, 2pm-8pm
- Jun 18 Westminster, CO Westminster Motormaniam, 10am-2pm, Quaker Steak & Lube,
10329 Reed St., www.proplayersassociation.org/motormaniam.
- Jun 18-19 Colorado Springs, CO Colorado Custom Motorsports Show, Memorial Park
719-473-1466
- Jun 25 Brighton, CO Ye Olde AutoClub Car Show, 9601 Henderson Road,
303-659-2887
- Jul 15-16 Green Mountain Falls, CO Thin Air Nationals, Colorado Springs Rod &
Custom Car Club, 719-210-0013
- Jul 16 Westminster, CO Westminster Motormaniam, 10am-2pm, Quaker Steak & Lube,
10329 Reed Stl, www.proplayersassociation.org/motormaniam.
- Jul 17 Fountain, CO All American Car Show & Go, Pikes Peak Int'l Raceway, 16650
Midway Ranch Rd., 9am-3pm, www.ppir.com.
- Jul 26-30 Englewood, CO Corvair Society of America Int'l Convention, Denver
Tech Center Doubletree Inn, Orchard Ave., www.corvair.org
- Aug 6 Greeley, CO Horsefeathers Car Show, www.earlymustang.com, 303-748-2678
- Aug 13 Centennial, CO All MOPAR Show, Streets at Southglenn, 10am-2pm
- Aug 20 Westminster, CO Westminster Motormaniam, 10am-2pm, Quaker Steak & Lube,
10329 Reed St., www.proplayersassociation.org/motormaniam.
- Aug 20 Front Range Airport Classic Aircraft & Car Show, Mountain States Swap Meet
www.ftg-airport.com, 303-261-9100
- Aug 31 Golden, CO Buffalo Bill Days Car Show, 10am-3pm, Conestoga Chapter
Studebaker Drivers Club
- Sep 11 Westminster, CO Westminster Motormaniam, 10am-2pm, Quaker Steak & Lube,
10329 Reed St., www.proplayersassociation.org/motormaniam.
- Sep 11 Sheridan, CO All Ford Day, Hi-Country Early V-8 Club, Sheridan High School,
3201 W. Oxford Ave., 7am-3pm, v860@q.com, 303-789-3956
- Oct 15 Loveland, CO Specialty Auto Auction, Larimer County Fairgrounds
The Ranch, www.saaasinc.com
- Nov 25-27 Denver, CO Crème de la Crème R.M. Rod & Custom Car Show, Colorado
Convention Center, 303-987-1377

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Monthly Meeting:

2nd Tuesday of each month at Elks Lodge at 2475 W. 26th Ave. in Denver at 7:30 PM. Dinner at 6 PM prior to the meeting for those who wish to join us.

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Rocky Mountain Region CLC 2011 Proposed Activities

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Proposed Activities:

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| Shelby/Dougherty Tour | Nancy Tucker | June 4 |
| National Driving Tour | N/A | June 7-12 |
| Havana Cruise | Open | June 18 |
| Father's Day Car Show | Blaise Flaherty | June 19 |
| VFW Cookout (Arvada) | John Evans | June 25 |
| Tune-up Clinic | John Washburn | Jul 16 |
| Golden Cruise | Brad Bauer | Aug 6 |
| Grand National | N/A | Aug 10-13 |
| Wyoming Railroads & Ranches Tour | John Cullinan | Aug 18-21 |
| Labor Day Parade (Louisville) | T. Coy/J. Evans | Sep 5 |
| Regional Meet/McCaddon Cadillac | Open | Open |
| Colfax Cruise/picnic @ East High School | Open | Sep 17 |
| Veterans Day Parade | J. Salmi | Nov 7 |
| Denver Dealership Walking Tour | Washburn/Salmi | TBD |

Under Consideration:

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| Stanley Museum-Estes Park | Jerry Pache | Aug 27?? |
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