



The *Dagmar*

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Nobody Went Hungry At Mount Vernon By Harry and Jeanne Tiffany and Jim Salmi

Thirty-one hearty, and probably hungry, souls gathered at Mount Vernon Country Club on Sunday morning, February 27, to kick off the 2011 season with our traditional membership meal and get-together. Again this year, we decided to make it a brunch rather than a Saturday night dinner, and as far as we can tell that seems to be a popular choice. Last year, the weather was a mixture of rain and snow, but we lucked out this time, with dry, partly cloudy skies and temperatures in the forties. Harry and Jeanne Tiffany were our hosts, and their help is appreciated by all.



For those who've never been there, Mount Vernon is located off I-70 in the foothills, and offers a nice, informal setting for gatherings such as ours. We had four big round tables in a corner near the food stations. It is a large room, and there were plenty of other people besides us, but brunch seems to be a little quieter than dinner. Two sides of

the room are glass, and offer a panoramic view of mountain and pine to enjoy along with the conversation. Mount Vernon put on a great feed again this year, including a massive dessert station, salad bar, bread station, omelet station, and other brunch type food items. Something for everybody.



Many of the same faces as in previous years were in attendance, with the addition of Dave Gloss and a guest. We haven't seen him in a while, and his infectious laugh leavened the room. Don't be a stranger, Dave. And, hopefully some of our other members who haven't done this event before will be enticed to join us next year.

Thanks to the Tiffanys for organizing this event, and thank you to all the attendees.



Director's Column By John Serfling

Our first event for the year was on February 27th. Just like last year an intrepid group headed up the freeway to the Mt. Vernon Country Club for Sunday Brunch. I skipped church choir and joined them. Does that make me a heathen? Please read Jim Salmi's article about the event elsewhere in this Dagmar.

The staff at the Denver Elks Lodge apologized for the lack of heat in their building, which caused the cancellation of our February meeting. I hope everyone heard about the cancellation before driving to the Lodge. If you didn't get the word, I apologize to you. I just spoke with Barry at the Lodge and he assures me that the heat has been repaired and they are looking forward to seeing us on March 8th.

Plans for this summer's road trip are mostly complete. By now you should have seen the details in an email from John Cullinan. The trip to Laramie and Saratoga, WY sounds like a good one. A lot of details were included in the Dagmar last month, but read John's update in this issue.

Last month I told you that the board of directors has proposed that our region send \$2500 to the

Cadillac and LaSalle Club Museum and Research Center (CLCMRC). That discussion will happen at the March meeting. Several articles about the Museum have appeared in the Self Starter. Requests for contributions have been mailed to the membership too. If we give the money to the CLCMRC, it will be matched 100% by the CLC, so the contribution would be \$5000. The Board feels that this is an important enough issue to ask for membership input. If you have an opinion on the donation, please come to the meeting and voice it. A majority of members present at the meeting is all that is necessary for approval.

We have been informed by the Women's Marine Association that they do not plan to participate in this year's St. Patrick's Day parade. Those of us who have acted as chauffeurs for them in the past have decided that driving without them is no big thrill, so our club won't be participating either.

I took my '63 convertible out of the garage one of the warm days in February. I didn't think it was quite warm enough to put the top down, but there wasn't any snow or ice on the road, so I figured this was as good of a day as I would have to run the car and charge up the battery. I must have done this around Ground

Hog day, since it looks like we will have at least six more weeks of winter before I can do it again. I even dusted off the car while it warmed up. That approved its appearance fairly dramatically.

I still haven't jacked up the front end of my '70 Eldorado to replace the upper ball joints and left wheel bearing. I still blame the cold. It was warm enough recently, however, for me to work on the windshield wipers. I replaced the motor last summer, but I have never been pleased with the results. Of late the wipers would stop in the full up position. Apparently, they were 180 degrees out of phase with where they were supposed to be. When I originally installed the transmission on the motor shaft I did not push it down far enough. The shaft is milled to fit tightly into the transmission. A rubber boot covers the shaft, so you can't see it to tell if the transmission is pushed on far enough. It wasn't, but it is now. The wipers even park correctly, which they have not done since I bought the car. When I changed the motor, I dropped one of the attaching bolts, but didn't have any luck finding it. As I started working on the wipers, my work light happened to shine on the bolt, sitting in dirt and grease on the engine mount. Talk about dumb luck!

My Eldorado is finally legal in Colorado. Many of you have heard the story of how I couldn't title it in Colorado when I first purchased it, so I titled it in Wyoming. With the help of a friend at Wilcoxson Buick-Cadillac in Pueblo, I found out that its VIN had fallen off of the state's computer, so I was able to retitle it and I am now driving with Colorado plates.

Summer Tour To Wyoming *By John Cullinan*

Our tour itinerary is coming together and should be finalized by April. John Washburn and I will be driving to Wyoming in a few days to trace the proposed route and to visit the proposed sites we plan to visit.

The dates of the tour are: departure August 18th, return on August 21st.

We will stay at the Comfort Inn in Laramie the first night. Call 307-721-8856 to reserve a room. The rate is \$90. The second and third nights will be at the Saratoga Resort and Spa. Call 800-594-0178 to reserve a double room with a queen bed at \$132.19 including tax, and a double room with two double beds for \$137.70 including tax.

We are planning on departing from the parking lot just east of First Bank on Wadsworth and 44th at 7:30. Cruising up Highway 287, we hope to arrive at the Clydesdale barn at the Busch brewery by 9:00 for our first pit stop. Then we will drive on to visit the steam shop of the Union Pacific Railroad in Cheyenne and see their steam locomotives and round table. We will also tour the Union Pacific Railroad museum in the beautiful Union Depot. After lunch, tour participants can choose among visits to the Cowgirls of the West Museum, The Governors Mansion, The Nelson Museum, touring the State Capitol and State Museum, Tom Horn Museum, and maybe Warren Air Force Base Museum, among other sites.

Thursday afternoon we will drive part of the old Lincoln Highway to Laramie and spend the night. On



Friday morning you will have the opportunity to tour the Frontier Prison, Iverson Mansion and Prairie Museum, the University Art and Anthropology Museum, shop on old main street and have lunch at the historic Buck Horn Saloon. Then we will caravan through a scenic area on our way to Saratoga, once a center for big game hunting for wealthy Englishmen and members of parliament, and later an area populated by cattle ranches owned by Scots and Brits, whose descendants still live there. You will enjoy the Saratoga Resort and Spa with its natural hot springs in the center court yard. There is also a brewery on site and a spa.

On Saturday, some or all of us will tour to Rawlins for a tour of the Territorial Prison and see such heart warming spots as the gas chamber and gallows. We will also visit the museum in Sinclair, the old refinery town just east of Rawlins, but we plan to be back in time to enjoy the annual Brewers Fest and Competition on Veterans Island in the North Platte, staggering distance from the Saratoga Resort. No need to drive your car home.

On Sunday the 21st, I recom-

mend we all caravan home via the Snowy Range Pass, another scenic drive which will be a fitting end to our tour.

Don't forget to reserve your rooms. Call the number found at the beginning of this report. Happy Motoring.

Take St. Pat's Day Off *By Jim Salmi*

Traditionally, our club has participated in the Saint Patrick's Day parade in downtown Denver by driving the Iwo Jima veterans and sometimes the First Marines. It has been an honor to do it, and a good time as well. This year, they have decided not to participate in that parade, for what reason I don't know. So, it looks like we will have the day off. We also usually drive them in the Fourth of July parade in Georgetown. I don't know yet if they will be participating in that parade or not. Hopefully, they will and we will again be the drivers. I'll keep you informed. So, it looks like you can just go down and watch the parade as a normal citizen, if you are so inclined. Thanks to all of you who have driven for your participation in past years.

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A Note From Your Editor

You may notice the font has changed on our newsletter.

Microsoft recently made a change and Lucida Sans, which we used to use, is no longer embeddable for our printer, so we have switched to Arial.

You just have to love those little surprises that Microsoft throws your way. This delayed production for one day while I figured out what the \$% changed, and how to deal with it.*

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A Changing of the Guard By David Leger

Hi folks. As many of you know, I work in the US Antarctic Program. What many of you may not know is that we are going through a change of contractor soon. After nearly 12 years, the current contractor will be leaving. I hope to stay on with whichever of the 3 finalists get the next contract. What this means is that, assuming I'll have a job, it will be crazy busy for their first year, as it was 12 years ago with the current company.

As I plan ahead for that, I look at my time, and I don't see that working out with editing The Dagmar. I stepped in during 2003, but I have informed our president that this will be my last year. It's time to let someone else have a shot at it.

What does it take to edit the newsletter? Well, you need to be a decent writer, and have good computer skills. You'll need a computer and a software package such as MS Publisher (what I use now) or MS Word (which the previous editor used). The package you use will need to be able to generate PDF format versions for our web site, and for our printer.

Once in awhile, you'll want to write something yourself, or you may need to write something to help fill a sparse issue. While most of the articles you'll receive are well written, occasionally you'll need to do a bit of editing to spruce up a submission.

You would need to be able to devote around 10 hours or so a month to the newsletter. The normal routine runs as follows:

- Solicit articles and photos from members
- Remind folks about content due as you approach the 25th of each month, when items are due to you
- Receive the articles, photos, event listings, advertising copy, etc.
- Get a set of address labels from our membership coordinator
- Lay out the newsletter and proof read it
- Send a PDF of it to a couple of other members for proof reading, one of which should be the president
- Make any final corrections, and generate a color PDF for the web and a B&W version formatted for the printer
- Send the color PDF to our web master to be posted
- Send (or take) the B&W printer's copy to the printer
- Pick up the printed copies (we put out around 125 copies each month)
- Pick up postage stamps
- Fold each newsletter, staple it, place an address label on it, and a stamp on it (I tend to fold 30 or 60, then staple, then address, then stamp – I don't miss a step on any that way)
- Take the newsletters to the post office. I use the business mail center in Centennial, as they either put the perforated tabs on for us or hand cancel them. I believe

that they are doing us a big favor with this. If we use a regular post office, we'd need to do the perforated tabs at the corners, or pay extra per newsletter for hand cancellation.

- Either mail the receipts for the printing and postage to the treasurer, or if you have a scanner, scan them and email them, so you can be reimbursed for the printing costs and postage (\$150 - \$200 a month).

Some things that are handy to have are a digital camera (and attend every event you can – sometimes your own photos are the only ones taken), and a scanner (so you can scan in photographs members send you, and scan your receipts for production costs). It's also handy to have a photo editing package, though you can do basic photo editing in most text editing packages like Word or Publisher. Considering how many newsletters you will staple each month, an electric stapler is a good investment. I have gone through nearly 10,000 staples over the years!

Well, that gives you an idea of the basics. If you are interested in taking over in 2012, please let John Serfling know, so he can place your name on the election ballot at the end of this year. It can be a lot of fun, and you really are appreciated by the club members for your service.



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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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Proposed Activities:	Leader:	Date:
Dust & Shine at Forney	Tom Orton	Apr 9
Shepler's BPOC Show	N/A	May 21
Memorial Day Parade	J. Salmi	May 28
National Driving Tour	N/A	June 7-12
Havana Cruise	Open	June 18
Fourth of July parade (Georgetown)	Open	July 4
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)	Open	Sep 5
Regional Meet/McCaddon Cadillac	Open	Open
Colfax Cruise/picnic @ East High School	Open	Sep 17
Veterans Day Parade	J. Salmi	Nov 7
Shelby American Museum Tour	Nancy Tucker	TBD
Under Consideration:		
Stanley Museum-Estes Park	Open	TBD
Dougherty Museum	Open	TBD
Celestial Seasonings/	Open	TBD
Leaning Tree Museum &		
Hammond Candy Factory Tour	Open	TBD

Other Events

OTHER CAR RELATED ACTIVITIES (Not RMRCLC Events)

Other car related activities, as published in Old Cars Weekly, Hemmings, OCCC, Denver Post or from other sources. Please verify accuracy before attending.

- Mar 5 Loveland, CO Specialty Auto Auction, Larimer County Fairgrounds, The Ranch, www.saaasinc.com
- Apr 23 Brighton, CO Specialty Auto Auction, Adams County Fairgrounds, www.saaasinc.com
- May 1 Arvada, CO Great Machines Car Show, 44th Ave. and Indiana, Rocky Mountain Nova Club, www.rockymountainnovaclub.com
- June 18-19 Colorado Springs, CO Colorado Custom Motorsports Show, Memorial Park 719-473-1466
- June 18-19 Golden, CO Wild West Auto Roundup, Washington Ave., Golden, 9am to 4pm
- Jul ?? Denver, CO Specialty Auto Auction, Time and Place TBD
- Jul 26-30 Englewood, CO Corvair Society of America Int'l Convention, Denver Tech Center Doubletree Inn, Orchard Ave., www.corvair.org
- Oct 15 Loveland, CO Specialty Auto Auction, Larimer County Fairgrounds The Ranch, www.saaasinc.com

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