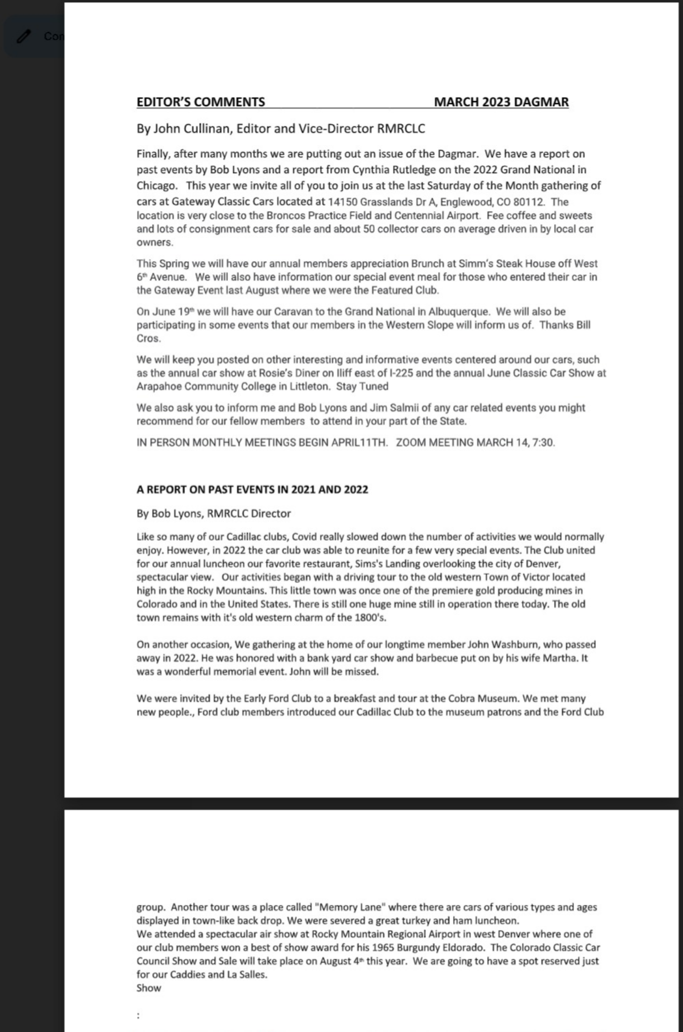

EDITOR'S COMMENTS MARCH 2023 DAGMAR

By John Cullinan, Editor and Vice-Director RMRCLC

Finally, after many months we are putting out an issue of the Dagmar. We have a report on past events by Bob Lyons and a report from Cynthia Rutledge on the 2022 Grand National in Chicago. This year we invite all of you to join us at the last Saturday of the Month gathering of cars at Gateway Classic Cars located at 14150 Grasslands Dr A, Englewood, CO 80112. The location is very close to the Broncos Practice Field and Centennial Airport. Fee coffee and sweets and lots of consignment cars for sale and about 50 collector cars on average driven in by local car owners.

This Spring we will have our annual members appreciation Brunch at Simm's Steak House off West 6th Avenue. We will also have information our special event meal for those who entered their car in the Gateway Event last August where we were the Featured Club.

On June 19th we will have our Caravan to the Grand National in Albuquerque. We will also be participating in some events that our members in the Western Slope will inform us of. Thanks Bill Cros.

We will keep you posted on other interesting and informative events centered around our cars, such as the annual car show at Rosie's Diner on Iliff east of I-225 and the annual June Classic Car Show at Arapahoe Community College in Littleton. Stay Tuned

We also ask you to inform me and Bob Lyons and Jim Salmii of any car related events you might recommend for our fellow members to attend in your part of the State.

IN PERSON MONTHLY MEETINGS BEGIN APRIL11TH. ZOOM MEETING MARCH 14, 7:30.

A REPORT ON PAST EVENTS IN 2021 AND 2022

By Bob Lyons, RMRCLC Director

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We were invited by the Early Ford Club to a breakfast and tour at the Cobra Museum. We met many new people., Ford club members introduced our Cadillac Club to the museum patrons and the Ford Club group. Another tour was a place called "Memory Lane" where there are cars of various types and ages displayed in town-like back drop. We were severed a great turkey and ham luncheon.
We attended a spectacular air show at Rocky Mountain Regional Airport in west Denver where one of our club members won a best of show award for his 1965 Burgundy Eldorado. The Colorado Classic Car Council Show and Sale will take place on August 4th this year. We are going to have a spot reserved just for our Caddies and La Salles.
Show

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The Line of Cars at Gateway above

Gateway Staff and Check

As a club, we were honored at the Gateway Classic Car Sales Office at their popular "Chrome and Coffee" event. We were the featured car club at the show. Here's the lineup of Caddies followed by the Gateway staff and the Large Check we received for attending. That photo is followed by a photo of Ladies who also attended the event:

The Caddy Ladies at the Gateway Event.

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An interesting event we were invited to, by the Early Ford Club, was a breakfast and tour at the Cobra Museum. We met many new people, Ford club members and introduced our Cadillac Club to the museum patrons and the Ford Club group.

A unique and informative Tour event was to the National WWII Aviation Museum in Colorado Springs where we attended a lecture on the Battle of Wake Island and were treated to seeing a Torpedo Bomber prepared for flight and watch it take off within a few yards of us.

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We also visited the Loveland Sculpture Museum with the T-Bird Club in September.
We should consider visiting one of the Bronze Casting Foundries this year.

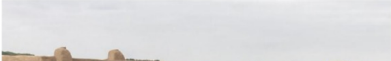
Fall Driving Tour: With many members getting used to the freedom from the pandemic, we experienced a unique driving tour that took us through the mountain town of Canyon City, Colorado infamous for its state prisons. We visited the old Canyon City Jail where several movies were made on location about Prison Escapes! Ominous but true, a very informative tour. Many men and women were incarcerated there that had horrible dirty deeds which cost many of them their lives.

After visiting Canyon City and Florence, We spent that night in Pueblo where we walked along the beautiful Pueblo River Walk, which rivals the San Antonio River Walk. We had a good dinner at La Forcetta di Massi Italian Restaurant. The owner recently moved here from Italy. We also visited the old depot and train museum behind it. There are a number of interesting museums in Pueblo that would merit another car club trip.

Another site of interest we visited on this tour was the Amache WWII Japanese Internment Camp in Granada, Colorado. In town there is a museum with photos and artifacts and extensive information on the camp. We also drove out to the internment camp itself.

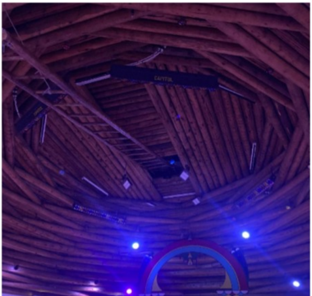
We concluded the tour in La Junta, Colorado where the whole town was celebrating the Tarantula Migration Festival. Yes, this area is known for the "Tarantula Trek" Which is actually an annual migration. t it is actually an annual mating ritual performed by male tarantulas who roam across the 443,000-plus acres on the Comanche National Grassland looking to mate. You learn amazing things on these Cadillac Club tours.

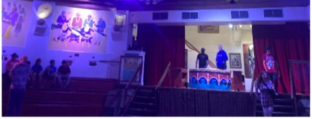
We also visited the historic Bent's Old Fort. This old American legend has been restored and rebuilt. The whole display demonstrates the peril and triumph that the early pioneers endured in the early 1800".

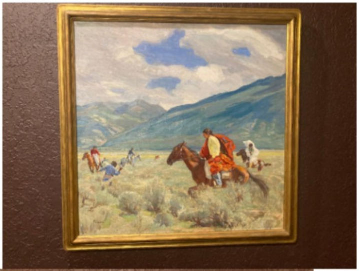


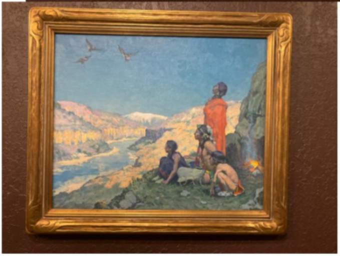
A very exciting and informative event on this tour was our visit to the Koshare Indian Museum In La Junta. This building has the world largest self-supported log ceiling KIva. A KIva is a meeting place or ceremonial place that was used by the Indians for religious warship, communal meetings and ceremony events. It is a massive structure with highly decorated walls of Indian art and sculptures.

What are the Koshare? A Koshare is a jester, trickster, clown, entertainer and more importantly, Dancers. While the Koshare are an integral part of Pueblo society, they ARE NOT a tribe. As entertainers, the Koshare perform lavish dances and acrobatic performances. The dances were done by both children as well as adults. Involving the children in dance brought them into the cultural fold. The Clown is said to be a glutton, always overdoing it whether he is making fun of the dancers, trying to get the children in the audience to behave during ceremonies or generally acting crazy. His actions are very funny and entertaining. The museum has several rooms displaying native art, beaded clothing and porcupine quill-work moccasins. Feathered head dresses, war belts and weapons, as well as ceremonial costumes. It also houses a Western Art Collection that rivals that of the Denver. Here is a photo of the Kiva and of two painting by famous Taos artists.









The Koshare Kiva

This entire excursion and driving tour were fun and informative. We hope to see many of you on our caravan to the Grand National Event in Albuquerque this coming June.   BY Bob Lyons

THE 2022 GRAND NATIONAL REVIEW

BY CYNTHIA RUTLEDGE

Well, the year 2022 was finally upon us and it was time to head to Lombard, Illinois, for the CLC's annual car meet, the Grand National. It had been too long since we've seen our Cadillac & LaSalle Club family and hung out together enjoying our hobby.

It was a long road to get here, but we finally did and it was time to have some fun. We arrived in Lombard on Saturday night, a couple of days before Registration opened. We wanted to make sure that we got everything set up and ready to welcome the hundreds of people that would be descending upon the Westin Chicago Lombard Hotel in Lombard, IL on Monday, June 20th. We had over 100 people signed up for the Driving Tour for Tuesday, June 21, so it was all about getting everyone their packets. On their return, the enthusiasm and excitement of a fun-filled day had been had by all.

This was my first year as the Grand National registrar. Albeit it being a little crazy and chaotic, it went surprisingly smooth unless you count all the last-minute registrations onsite for both the event and the cars. It was a long week, but everyone managed to come in and say hi and hang out for a bit. I think most people that I was their personal Google Assistant or the 411 information on speed dial...LOL.

Everyone I spoke to really seemed to enjoy the tours the West of the Lake Region had put together of Chicago and the surrounding area. The tour most that everyone was most excited for was the Architectural Boat Tour on the Chicago River. The Gangster Tour with characters who put on a show on the tour bus wasn't far behind. All in all, the tours seemed to be pleasing to everyone who attended them.

The Old Water Tower Chicago

We had approximately three hundred people attend the Welcome Reception on Wednesday evening. Cadillac was the sponsor of the event and they had a nice spread. They served pizza, petit quiches, fried ravoli and cookies for dessert. After the crowd had partaked in feasting it was time for the silent auction and the live auction, with auctioneer "Chicken George" from Mecum. To say nothing but the least it was definitely louder and more active. We ended about 10 pm and everyone dispersed and headed to the bar for drinks with friends.

The long-awaited day, the car show on Saturday, June 25, had finally arrived. And everyone was excited to be out there strolling looking at the cars. The judges were getting ready after having their breakfast and then the bad news hit. There were storms heading for Lombard with thunder and lightning. Everyone was panicking and upset about their cars being outside, as there was also talk about possible hail. The hotel lobby was full of people, including the public, who had also come to attend the show. The rain did let up some and others decided to venture outside in the rain anyway. The judges pressed on, and the cars that were left did get judged. When the Awards Banquet started, the tabulators were still working to enter the numbers to determine the winners. However, the numbers did get in just in time to give the members their awards.

After the awards were given, we ended the evening with a skit from the next host region, Albuquerque, NM. Both Nick Manole and Max Mayer were all decked in their western attire which included cowboy hats and boots. The skit mostly played out that you don't need a passport to come to the Grand National in June as they are a part of the United States and it's okay to drink the water….lol. So, we as the Rocky Mountain Region need to present a huge turnout in Albuquerque next year. This Grand National is the closest it will ever come to Denver.

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