



The *Dagmar*

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The Golden Cruise By Brad Bauer

The Golden Cruise was a great success again this year, we filled the parking lot with 26 big beautiful Cadillacs. What a site to see. The weather cooperated with a sunny 95* day. By 3:00 the cruise was up and running with some of Denver's finest collector cars in every make and model on display as well as cruising up and down the street. Cadillac made its presence known as our space was at the last turn about so everyone that was cruising could enjoy our cars.

Great conversations were shared with members of our Cadillac family as well as a few glasses of



fine wine being served from the trunks of our cars. It was so great to see how many people from our club turned out for the event. Rod Brewer made the fashion statement of the season in his punk hair visor in addition to parading not just one of his beautiful cars but we were blessed with seeing two of them.

Much to our surprise we had a DJ booth live in our parking lot provided by the owner of the real-estate company, so we had loud music playing all day. The DJ dedicated two songs to the group mascot "Lois" who is pictured above sitting next to Brad's 1959 Cadillac. It's too bad she could not dance to the music dedicated to her. Again, Thanks to all of you who came to the event.





Director's Column **By John Serfling**

Summer is winding down, but you wouldn't know it by either the thermometer or the list of club activities. The Wyoming Railroads & Ranches tour, which was just completed, was a big success. I joined the group for the railroad portion of the tour. Having been educated as a mechanical engineer I learned quite a bit about modern steam plants. Looking how they produced steam while rolling along at 70 mph was fascinating to me. We got to see the largest steam locomotive in existence. I was impressed! I was also envious of the group as they continued on to Laramie and Saratoga, since I was not able to join them. I have heard reports that a good time was had by all. Please see John Cullinan's article to learn the details of the trip.

Brad Bauer, the club Executive VP, made all of the arrangements for us to attend the Golden Cruise in early August. There was a good turn out for it. Even the people who have attended this event before said that they saw cars they had never seen before. We were admiring the cars driving by while the people walking by were admiring our cars. Good conversation was included as well. That was the best part of the day. Join us for

our next event and get in on the camaraderie.

Our next event is the Labor Day Parade, which will probably have happened by the time you read this. Once again this year we will be meeting at the home of Tim Coy and then John Evans will lead us to the parade starting point. Tim always feeds us well with breakfast sweets and even morning adult beverages. Read the Dagmar next month to find out if we won a trophy as the best car club. Fortunately, this is not an election year, so we won't have to put up with a lot of politicians while lining up and waiting for the start of the parade. It is amazing how they flock to parades. They'll do anything to be seen by a lot of people.

Tim Coy called me from the Grand National in Columbus, OH to let me know that our bid to host the Winter Board meeting of the CLC was accepted for the January 2013 meeting. We will start planning the event



soon. Don't worry; it is much easier to pull off than the Grand National was. The best part is that the CLC pays for almost everything. Let me know if you are anxious, or at least willing, to help plan the event.

Our regional event will be held in October this year. You still have plenty of time to wash and wax that beautiful car of yours that you have waited all summer to show off. Take it to McCaddon Cadillac in Boulder on October 8th to be part of the fun. It is always a good day to look at cars and converse with your fellow members. McCaddon is always a good host, too. Leonard Johnson assures me that there won't be a conflict with CU football that day. He wouldn't have picked the date, if there were a conflict. I guess Leonard is pretty much a Buffnut (is that a word?).

Two people are seriously considering working on the Dagmar starting with the January issue. It's not a done deal yet, but I am hopeful. If you have any word processing, Photoshop or publication software skills, I'm sure they could use your help to lighten the load by spreading it around. Let me know.

Enjoy the crisp fall air, if it ever arrives. You only have a few months left of good weather for driving your classic car, so take advantage of it and join us at the planned events!

Our director inside the steam engine cab at Union Pacific

Summer Driving Tour Re-Cap By John Cullinan

Summer driving tours have become something to look forward to in recent years. We have had some very enjoyable tours: Taos, Durango, Steamboat, western Kansas, and this year's tour to Wyoming.

Starting at the visitor's center at the Bud Brewery, 15 cars drove to our first stop: The Union Pacific steam shop. 29 participants enjoyed an informative tour led by Jim Leonard and Jim Coker who work for UP and who travel with the giant steam locomotives when they roll under their own power to events around the country. This year they will be at Rail Week in North Platte, Nebraska and will participate in the celebration of the 100 anniversary of statehood for Arizona and New Mexico. Yes, next year is the anniversary but the partying begins this year.

During our tour of the steam shop we were allowed to climb into the cab of one of the steam engines and also go inside a 100 year old presidential sleeping car that is still used when the engines are on tour. We got to go inside the last remaining of 8 roundhouses that surrounded the still functioning turntable, we also saw a snow blower used to clear the tracks so rescue crews could get to stranded locomotives and do the back-breaking work of removing all snow from under and around them. I hope all the participants appreciated the fact that Union Pacific let us visit their working Steam Shop. The steam shop is not a museum or a tourist site. It is a fully operating steam engine repair and maintenance shop that is still being used as it was 140 years ago.



After the steam shop tour we drove to the newly updated Little America Hotel and Resort where we had a surprisingly good buffet lunch. If you are ever in Cheyenne, I recommend you have a meal at Little America.

After lunch the group split up to visit any site they pleased. My faction visited the very unique Nelson Museum, the State Capitol, and the Plains Hotel, which has been renovated but maintains much of its original interior. Most of us drove on to Laramie via route 210 that climbs to 8500 feet as it winds through some interesting geography north of I-80. Before joining I-80 and descending into Laramie, we stopped at the Lincoln Highway

Monument and the Henry Joy Monument. Henry Joy was a driving force in establishing the Lincoln Highway and was also a founder of Packard Motors. After a few more miles on modern I-80, we arrived at our home for the night, the Comfort Inn. We all were free to dine where we wished. Roseann and I and 5 others dined at Jeffrey's where we were seated promptly, and savored an excellent meal and Malbec wine worthy of John Washburn for only \$17 a bottle. Eat at Jeffrey's if you are ever in Laramie.

Friday morning we drove directly to the Ivinson Mansion, or at least most of us did.



Our tour leader, me, drove 5 streets too far north before turning back to the correct street. Once at the Ivinson we paid our entrance fee and congregated out front of this impressive mansion built in 1898. While waiting for our tour guides, we were amazed by the variety of architectural treatments on this fine home. After a cordial welcome by the director of the mansion, we entered and received a short history lesson on the home and its builder, Edward Ivinson, one of the original Laramie pioneers in 1867. Like the Thatchers of Pueblo, he started out with general store that turned into a bank where he provided safe storage of money for clients and loans to others.

In you get a chance, visit the Ivinson Mansion. It is one of the finest mansions I have visited, including those in Newport, Rhode Island. The quality of workmanship found in the interior and the quality of the furniture and historical articles are superior to those my fellow tourers had seen in Denver or Colorado Springs. Rosemont, the Thatcher home in Pueblo, is one we hope to see next year if John Washburn, and Bill Woodman can organize a



summer driving tour there next year. Art Cutler and Whit Otis will also be working on making next year's tour a memorable one. I look forward to comparing Rosemont and the Ivinson Mansion. After a group lunch, we drove to the Wyoming Territorial Prison museum. Our guide there, as were our guides at the Ivinson Mansion, was an informative and enthusiastic one. I have driven by the museum many times over the last 45 years but had never stopped. Our guide, a former New Yorker, imparted lots of new information to us that put the prison in its historical context and

highlighted the lives the inmates endured, including inmate Butch Cassidy. The tour ended with a demonstration of the craft of broom making, which the inmates produced on the grounds. After getting out of prison, we followed the Snowy Range Highway, 130, up and over the Snowy Pass to Saratoga. It was a little cloudy but we were able to see the scenic lakes, rock cliffs and mountain summits before descending into the Saratoga valley. We stayed at the Saratoga Resort where most of us enjoyed the hot spring pools and the relaxing setting. Some of us had dinner at the resort while others went into town to dine. After dinner many of us met at the brew pub inside the resort and partook of some hearty libations.





Saturday was a free day, but a large percentage of us ended up at the Encampment, Wyoming, museum. Again we encountered another excellent guide who had so much information to impart I would have gladly taken the tour twice. The museum has a number of local buildings that have been moved there from various parts of the Saratoga Valley. Encampment had once been involved in the big Copper Boom of the early 1900's and once had a 16 mile aerial tramway that carried copper from the mine down the mountain to Smelters in town. Saturday night was the night of our special group dinner at the Old Baldy Club. The Old Baldy was founded in 1964 by well-to-do locals and out-of-staters such as Mr. Hall of Hallmark cards. Through a local contact, I was able to get us into the club for dinner. Before dinner we drove around the grounds and saw the fine homes and splendid views. Then we settled into the Eagles Nest room for drinks which were followed by a fine dinner and dessert. I hope all our participants enjoyed their meal. I know I enjoyed mine and also enjoyed hav-

ing the opportunity to get to know some of our members better. After dinner a number of us went back to the hot springs at the Saratoga Resort, while others watched from the steps in front of their rooms and had a few more drinks. All in all, I think the participants were glad they had signed up for the tour. No one had any serious car problems and we all made it home without incident, although we split up and took different routes home.





Art Cutler and Don Braden win the most intrepid award for driving their cars all the way from Saratoga down to Walden and through North Park to Granby and up and over Berthoud Pass to I-70, where they luckily encountered only a short delay from the Empire exit to Idaho Springs. I look forward to seeing you all on next year's summer driving tour.



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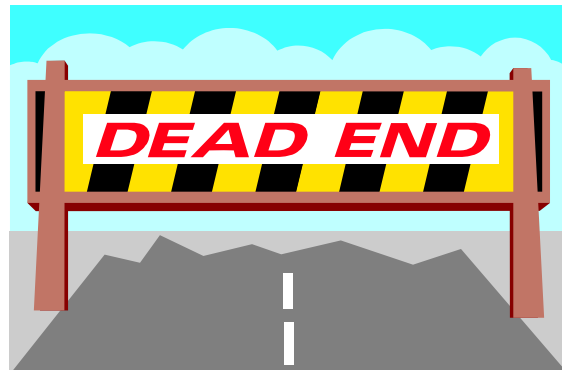
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Year of Manufacture Plates

By John Henry

I am going to put a "Year of Manufacture" plate on my '67. I have plates that I have used in parades and such but I remembered some member talking about the fact you can always have an old plate on your car. I talked to a person at the DMV and they gave me a form to fill out and obtain authorization to use a plate with the year of my car. I figure other members might be interested so here is what you need to do in Colorado.

1. Get form DR 2818. You can download it from: <http://www.colorado.gov> search for [DR 2818](#) and this [description](#) at the bottom of CRS 42-3-219.
2. Fill out the form and send it in with a picture of the plate you want to use, proof of insurance and current registration.
3. After receiving DR 2818 authorization you can put an old plate on your car and keep the authorization, current registration and current plates in the car.
4. There are restrictions, ok for things you would normally do with a collector car, not going back and forth to work all the time.

For New Mexico, use [MVD-11317](#), <http://www.mvd.newmexico.gov>.

For Montana I am unable to find anything, <http://www.doj.mt.gov/>. Same problem with Wyoming, <http://www.dot.state.wy.us/wydot/>. If a member knows a way to do this in these states, send Dave a note and he will put it in the Dagmar.

**Coming Next Month
the Grand National**

OTHER 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.

Sep 11 Westminster, CO Westminster Motorman, 10am-2pm, Quaker Steak & Lube, 10329 Reed St., www.proplayersassociation.org/motorman.

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

Sep 17-18 Loveland, CO AACA Swap Meet, Larimer County Fairgrounds

Sep 17-18 Arvada, CO English Motoring ConClave, Oak Park, 10425 W. 64th Place, www.thecoloradoconclave.com.

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:

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Rocky Mountain Region CLC 2011 Proposed Activities

(as of August 25, 2011)

Proposed Activities:

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Date:

Labor Day Parade/Breakfast (Louisville)
Colfax Cruise/picnic @ East High School
Regional Meet/McCaddon Cadillac
Veterans Day Parade

T. Coy/J. Evans
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L. Johnson
J. Salmi

Sep 5
Sep 24
Oct 8
Nov 5

Other Events

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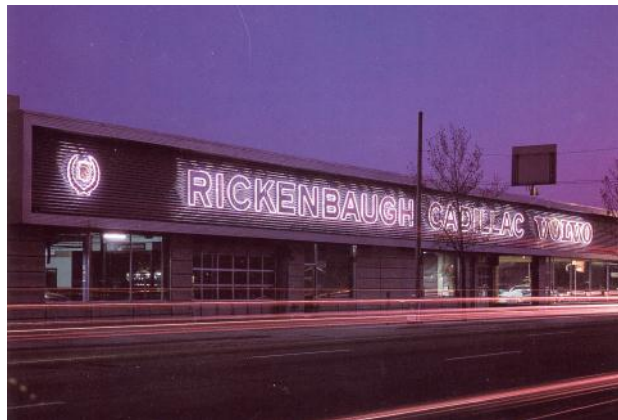
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