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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Phil Terry - Dir

Summer in the desert, don't ya just love it? I managed to get out of town twice and get a couple of things off my "bucket list".

June took Sandi and me to the [Cadillac National Driving Tour](#) in Texas, hosted by the North Texas Region (Rubyé Musser, Director). We hauled the '54 in an enclosed trailer that I borrowed from one of my buddies. On the way to the Lubbock start, we encountered forest fires, dust storms, rain, hail and a flat tire on the trailer!

Tuesday, June 7 - Lubbock- we went to a really wonderful Windmill Museum. Wind-powered wells helped settle the West and modern wind turbine generators sit atop every oil-patch. After touring the Buddy Holly museum we were welcomed with a Texas-style BBQ party at Alderson Cadillac. That piece of the tour was especially important to me as the '54 was sold new at Alderson. With the lot full of classics, the local news was there, and Jack Alderson one of the founders came out for the occasion. He told me he was there the day my car was sold in 1954. We stopped by the Bush Collection in downtown Lubbock on the way back to the Hotel.

Wednesday, June 8 - we had a long drive through farm country to Amarillo. We stopped off for Apple pancakes mid-morning, lunched in the shade of the Briscoe County jail and enjoyed chicken fried steaks at the Welcome Reception.

Thursday, June 9 – we drove out on I-40 to the "Cadillac Ranch". This is the Stonehenge of half buried Cadillacs. The cars had so much graffiti on them; the paint was a structural element. We snuck downtown with Bob Musser (Rubyé's husband) to his favorite barbecue joint. Lunch with the locals including a posse of Texas Rangers! That afternoon we headed out past the Helium Plant and seven miles of stockyards. Fortunately the wind was in our favor! We ended up in Hereford at Saint Mary's church to see the frescoes painted by Italian POWs during WWII. A sauerkraut and sausage dinner was served as we learned about the new National Driving Tour Program from Marsha Redman (Vice President of National Meets & Tours).

Friday, June 10 – we took a short drive to the River Breaks Ranch where we were chauffeured in wagons pulled by tractors. We followed a cattle drive into a canyon, had a huge cowboy breakfast and later watched horse races. That day I learned horses will eat 1965 Cadillac convertible tops. Next we cruised over to Canyon, Texas and the Panhandle Historical Museum. This place is HUGE! I spent 2 ½ hours inside and found a shade tree outside perfect for an afternoon nap. We had Czech food for dinner at Saint Ann's followed by raffles and awards. Sandi won a grabber and the '54 took the "Church Ladies Choice" Prize (a Cadillac tote bag).

Saturday, June 11 – in the morning we caravanned to the Amarillo Auto Hobbyists Council Meet hosted by the Warrick Collection. This was a huge facility, from junkyard to restoration shop to museum on one site. That afternoon we headed out to Palo Duro Canyon (the Grand Canyon of Texas) with Doug and Marsha Redman. It was a treat to be chauffeured in their '76 Eldorado convertible. We all had a big steak dinner and watched the musical "Texas" in the natural amphitheater at the bottom of the canyon.

Sunday, June 12 – we slept in till 8:00, loaded the car, said our goodbyes and headed for home. That evening we had the pleasure of dinner with five of the founding members of the New Mexico Region. They showed true "Cadillac Style" by picking us up in a mint condition '62 Cadillac Limousine and taking us out for New Mexican food.

Monday, June 13 – we continued our trip home and I was really glad to have that trailer when we went through 40 miles of newly chip sealed roads west of Heber. I have video of the National Driving Tour that I hope to show at the September meeting.

The 'No-meeting" dinner held in July brought out 25 members to Eddie's House in Scottsdale, just great food and great friends getting together. It was nice to see Gene and Mary McLemore back in action!

In August, Sandi and I joined Richard Dormois, Bob & Dot Messinger, Don & Dee Pellegrini, Carl & Sharon Rieken, Dave Ritchie, Cathy Richardson, and John & Jane VanderHeide at the Grand National in Dublin, Ohio. After an uneventful plane trip we had a delicious dinner of walleye and micro-brews in a local pub called Oscars. The next day we endured a long bus trip to the S&S Coachworks Company (oldest hearse and limousine builder in the US) in Lima, Ohio. We enjoyed a box lunch and then I was off to the Museum Board Meeting. They are still working on the building design and raising money for the project. Speaking of raising money, our own Richard Dormois auctioned off a '96 Deville for the museum for the tidy sum of \$9,600 during the Welcome Reception.

Thursday, August 11- we were back on the bus to Rahal Letterman Racing, Anthony-Thomas Candy Company and the Stuphen Collection.





DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE (Cont)

Phil Terry - Dir

Friday, August 12 - was the National Board of Directors meeting with Lars Kneller and our own Dave Ritchie at the front table, things moved along fast and we finished at 1:30. A new record! I learned next year's Grand National will feature live streaming video 24/7. For those of you who are unable to attend the Florida National Meet in person you will be able to view the show field. Following a presentation to the Board, Dee opened the Club store with some assistance from Sandi and Don. Dee's sales were great and she even sold the samples of her new fall line-up! Later that evening we were back on the bus to Plain City for an Amish Dinner. Of course I overate and then had pie! Following the stuffing, swarms of mosquitoes gorged on me when I ventured out on the porch.

Saturday, August 13 - I spent the day judging cars. This year I got mid 70s cars, except Eldorados. They were nice examples of the period with one exception. I judged a near perfect Mirage pickup. Think "Cadmino" with opera windows. It took a first place. The Midwestern steak dinner was excellent at the Awards Banquet and the new Awards format was so successful, we were done by 9:30. Another record!

Sunday, August 14 – my brother Ron and his family came down from Michigan to pick us up. The weather had been sunny and dry all week, but that was about to change. As we headed north to Canfield, Ohio I saw more rain that day than I have seen in the last five years in Phoenix. The skies cleared just as we got to Argus Park to see where my Dad's ashes are spread. Then we headed over to my Aunt Hazel's house. It was a treat for us to have dinner with her and some of my cousins. We spent the night in Youngstown and had mixed weather for the ride up to Detroit the next day. I had planned a couple of things in Michigan, but my brother also had plans for me. I wanted to meet up with Keith Ambs at the Gilmore Museum on Tuesday for lunch. Ron wanted to go too, so Monday night we took out the cooktop and stove, cut the counter top and backsplash for the new stove and didn't even break any tiles! We delivered the job on-time and "man-clean".

While my sister-in-law spent 3 hours cleaning up the sawdust, Ron and I drove to the Gilmore. It is in a remote rural area, past the Kellogg test farms, 30 miles from a traffic light. It's a beautiful, tranquil setting for a museum. Ron and I walked most of the collections when Keith called. We met up and saw the other buildings with Keith as our guide. We were headed to town for lunch when I saw Mike Spezia, the "top guy". Keith, Ron and I ended up on the patio with Mike enjoying the Blue Plate Special from the Museum Diner. After lunch Mike took us all on a personal tour of their newest building. Mike asked if we wanted to see the storage building and restoration shop. We had to drive to those buildings, so, I shooed all the photographers away from Keith's '60 Mercedes Benz 300SL Roadster and jumped in the passenger seat for the short trip. Later, I snuck in the driver's seat long enough for Ron to take a photo of me behind the wheel of that fabulous car!

Wednesday, August 17 – Ron convinced me to fix the sump pump and put new spindles on his tractor so we all could attend the Motor City Region's party at the Woodward Dream Cruise. So many cars, so little time! We saw everything from Duesenbergs to junk you wouldn't waste a bullet on. One car really caught my eye, a '57 BMW Isetta, stretched, with a "blown 350" hanging out of the back. The Motor City folks were very gracious hosts, even inviting us back for a private party at the Day's home on Friday evening.

So what did we do Thursday? Figure eight races at the Armada County Fair! Midwestern fun at its very best!

The Friday traffic heading to the Woodward Dream Cruise was much heavier than it was on Wednesday. Ron snuck in the back way to the Day's Party. We knew we were at the right place when the yard was full of Cadillacs and Bill & Peg Van Luven's Fire Truck. After being assigned a parking space we hit the buffet and BBQ. The Day's had bleachers and shade set-up for us right on Woodward Avenue where we watched the rolling car show into the night.

As soon as we got on the plane Saturday afternoon, it was starting to rain again. Looks like Friday was the best night of the week on Woodward Ave.

Fred Rank has stepped up to chair the Activities Committee and has lots of fun in store for us this year. He and Jacky really know how to organize events and I'm excited to see what's coming down the road!

Speaking of the road, I'm back on it!

**EVENTS Committee****Fred Rank – Chairman**

September 15th 2011, [Musical Instrument Museum](#) on Tatum and the Loop 101, great parking and lunch cafe inside. Elvis exhibit plus many others . One visit cannot see it all-- bring walking shoes.

September 24th 2011 Barrett-Jackson is the next weekend in Vegas at Mandalay bay where the local club has a booth. Our club can participate . Call Lauren Schweitzer 702-334-1150

October 15th 2011, [Verde valley Train](#) ride, see email from Jerry for details of cost and times.. Bob Joslyn set this event up. Not an overnite and it takes a full day . Also, possible Coulter Cadillac Tempe Auto Plex car show.

Novemeber 12, 2011 the Paradise Valley car show which some of the club's members always attend

November 19th 2011, Mel Martin's Auto Collection visit off I-17 , details to follow. Lunch will be before/ after and we can all get together for a convoy. Restaurants are individual choice.

December 12th 2011, Pavilions Ronald Macdonald car show and check presentation

January 14th 2012 to 21st Barrett-Jackson where we will have a booth to man for the week. BJ parade on the 14th where will have 10 cars.

January 29th at McCormick Ranch annual x-Mas party and auction

February 5th 2012 Motoring thru Time downtown exhibit, Optional AAHC Sanderson Ford Car show. Neil DeAtley garage tour , all day and lunch Feb 25th, tentative.

March 17th 2012, drive our cars to the Wrigley mansion at the Biltmore for a luncheon.

April 24th 2012 , the annual steak fry Picnic at Cave Creek park with Chef Don.

May 12th 2012 , an unusual Drive In Theater night with the cars on Hayden. Dinner first at a restaurant to be chosen nearby then convoy to the Drive In.

June 2012 NOTHING

July 21st 2012 The no meeting meeting at Durant's downtown

August 2012 Grand National in Florida

Watch your e-mails for details on all of these events and attend the club meetings as well for more information!

**LEGISLATIVE****Marvin Price– Liason****Legislative Review**

There is not a lot of activity at the State level since the Arizona Legislature is not in session until January 2012. The automatic exemption for emission testing from model years from 1967 to 1974, SB 1324 which was signed into law is still waiting for the EPA to sign off on it. The 15 year exemption for cars covered by collector car insurance generally covers most of us who are hobbyists.

On the national scene the E 85 problem still exists. There are eight bills in the House and Senate to restrict or eliminate the expansion of Ethanol in motor fuels.

The proposed legislation removes the tax incentives for the production of ethanol including tax credits. One bill would specifically limit the ethanol content to 10% .

Another bill would make the federal Government liable for damages caused by the use of fuel containing ethanol. Presidential candidate Rick Perry in a speech last week announced that he was against all subsidies including Ethanol.

All of these bills have been referred to committee where they will probably languish since most of the politicians are more concerned with their reelection.

In the meantime we will keep watch for any adverse laws or legislation which will negatively impact our hobby.

MEMBERSHIP**Paul Lopresto****AWOL**

**CLUB STORE MANAGER / SDR SECRETARY****Dee Pellegrini**

The fall season is just around the corner. We are looking forward to some cool days and nights; so why not order some club apparel for those cool car cruises and car shows? How about a jacket, denim shirt or a hat with our club logo? Lapel SDR pins are still available for \$10.00 each.

Arizona will be celebrating its Centennial on February 14, 2012. I will have t-shirts (with pockets) and polo shirts with a special logo for the Centennial event for sale at all of our membership meetings. Join in on the celebration and at the same time support our club store!

New members can go on our SDR web site and order club apparel. Check out our fantastic line of apparel and order your item on the online form.

See you at our next club meeting wearing one of our fine shirts, jackets or hats!

The Grand National in Ohio was a great success. We had our CLC Club Store Apparel on display. It was very well received by the members and guests that attended the event. Our products and samples were sold out!! A big thanks to Sandi Terry for helping to sell our apparel and sharing her time with me at the CLC Store.

Please choose your item from our online order form and you can pick it up at our next membership meeting.

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HAPPY SHOPPING!! SUPPORT OUR CLUB!!

**Dee Pellegrini
SDR Secretary/Club Store Manager**

**HAPPENINGS**

**OTHER HAPPENINGS**



MORE OTHER HAPPENINGS (how it used to be)



Dear Sir:—

We're writing this letter to you today because we want to help you get your money out of your Model T.

It's still as good a car as it was the day the new Model A Ford was announced and there's no need to sacrifice it.

The Model T Ford is still used by more people than any other automobile. Eight million are in active service right now and many of them can be driven one, two, three and five years and even longer.

Bring your car to us and let us look it over. You'll be surprised to see how little it costs to put it in tip-top shape.

New fenders, for instance, cost from \$3.50 to \$5.00 each, with a labor charge of \$1.00 to \$2.50. Tuning up the motor and replacing commutator case, brush and vibrator points costs only \$1.00, with a small charge for material. Brake shoes can be installed and emergency brakes equalized for a labor charge of only \$1.25. A labor charge of \$4.00 to \$5.00 will cover the overhauling of the front axle, rebushing springs and spring perches, and straightening, aligning and adjusting wheels.

The labor charge for overhauling the average rear axle runs from \$5.75 to \$7.00. Grinding valves and cleaning carbon can be done for \$3.00 to \$4.00.

A set of four new pistons and rings cost only \$7.00. For a labor charge of \$20 to \$25.00 you can have your motor and transmission completely overhauled. Parts are extra.

Very truly yours,

Bottineau, N. Dak.

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