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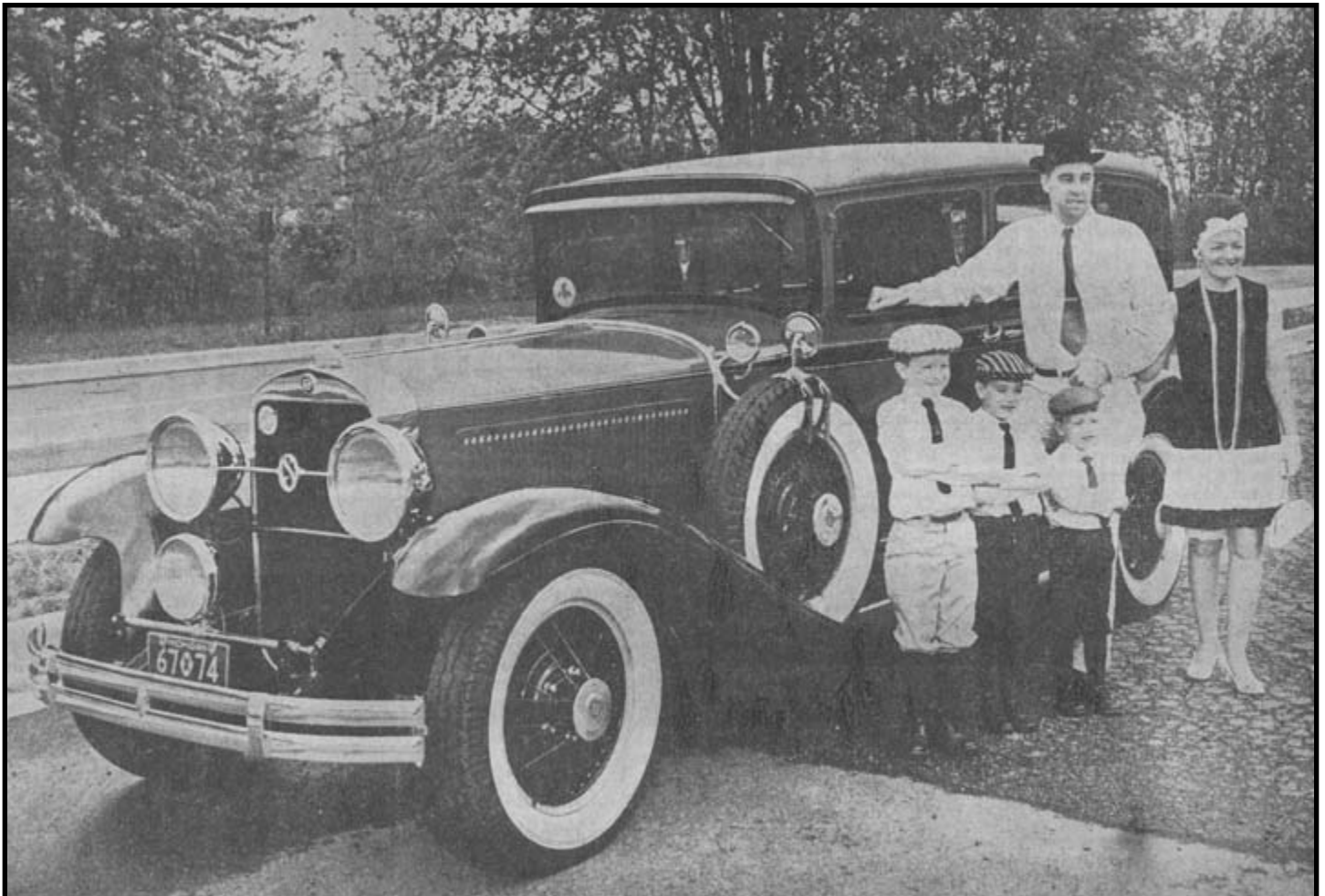


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THE KAARC MEETS THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH...SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY AT THE MILWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 3919 PORTAGE RD., KALAMAZOO...JUNE, JULY, AUGUST AT THE GILMORE CAR MUSEUM, HICKORY CORNERS, MICHIGAN.

CAR (FAMILY) OF THE MONTH!!

We are always looking for ways to get new members more involved in club activities, and club history. With a knowledge of how things happened, why they happened, and who made it happen, hopefully you will appreciate what is being done on your behalf so you can enjoy the old car hobby more with your family. Many things we do were started by a member with an idea, first, and then the fortitude to step up and get things started, and then follow up to get it right... and get it done. Some of what we do was picked up from the Three Rivers Club that helped the KAARC to get started. The balance was done by our member families.

The premier family that was instrumental in providing us with popular activities that we still love to do is the Dick and Janet Saddler family (Members #46). This month we will once again start out the touring season with our Annual Garage Hop. To the best of our knowledge, this will be Garage Hop Number 22.

The Garage Hop has been a Saddler family enterprise from the start, and is still one of the best attended outings every year. And, Dick is still doing the leg work involved to "git 'er done."

The Red Barn Spectacular is still going after thirty years. This show was a joint effort between the Gilmore Museum (Norm Knight was Museum Director back then) and the Kalamazoo Antique Auto Restorers Club (Dick Saddler, Show Chairman). Dick was one of the first Winter Swap Meet chairmen and, with a strong back-up group, started what has become one of the most successful activities ever sponsored

by an independent, non-associated car club.

The Saddler family have also been great ambassadors of our club. They are very active in the Classic Car Club of America (CCCA), the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Club (ADC), the ADC Museum in Auburn, Indiana and the National Automotive and Truck Museum (NATMUS) which initiated the restoration of the GM Futurliner. Dick was involved in the Futurliner project from the start and devoted at least one day a week to the project until it was completed. When anyone associated with any of these organizations find out that you are a KAARC member, they always ask about the Saddlers and you know you are more than welcome. And, the list could go on and on...

Dick and Janet have also assembled a very interesting old car collection. Fords, Chevys and Buicks are nice, but when you have a Studebaker, a Nash, a Cord L-29, a Dodge panel and a Crosley to share with the club and others, this is doing it the "hard way".

Finally, the Saddlers are the poster family for the old car hobby. They have instilled in their children and grandchildren that this hobby is a noble pursuit. This is the first three generation family in the club, but hopefully not the last. When we need volunteers to show up for any reason, they will all be there on time, and get the job done...even when Phil and Debbie are here from Wisconsin, they love to help us out. All we can say is Thanks Saddlers! See you at the Hop!

Cover Photo: Left To Right, Chris, Steve, Phil, Dick

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 17, 2009 MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Doug McFarlen at 7:10 pm.

Motion by Dick Saddler, supported by Norm Jones to approve the minutes of the February KAARC meeting as printed in the Arc & Spark. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: There was no report due to Bob Williams' illness.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE None

PAST ACTIVITIES - While in California, **Norm Knight** attended a Packard Car Show. He was surprised to discover that three of the Packards were ones that he had restored. Norm also visited a house built in 1911 and the owner showed him a huge train layout on the third floor.

Doug McFarlen recently returned from a trip to Florida. While there he attended Bike Week at Daytona, visited the Don Garlits Drag Race Museum in Ocala and, further north, the Coker Tire Company in Chatanooga, Tennessee.

Jeremy Page Wood reported on his trip to Florida in his 1981 AMC station wagon. He toured a nice Packard Museum while there.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

March Winds Tour - Stan Rakowski reported that the bus was filled to capacity and the group would tour a novelty collection housed in an old shopping mall in Flint, stop for lunch in Davison and then proceed to the Schneider Collection housed in several restored barns near Lapeer. The Schneiders, Chuck and Diane are members of the Tin Can Tourists and own a large collection of tractors, trucks and antique cars. He indicated that the tourers from Battle Creek would be picked up in front of Hobby Lobby, near the hotel where they were met last year.

Garage Hop - Dick Saddler reported that the Hop will take place on April 26 and that the group is to meet at 1:00 pm at Miller Machine at 8530 M-89 which is just west of the Blackhawk Inn and the intersection of M-43 north of Richland. The tour will first visit a metal working and custom car shop in Plainwell, then move on to view Keith Martin's sign collection, and will conclude with a stop to see Ben Barber's collection.

Dust Off - Jim Garrison indicated that the tour to Mendon on Sunday May 2 will depart from the Cork Lane Shopping Center at 7:00 am.

Fly-Ins - Dick Saddler mentioned that two fly-ins will be held. The first will be May 16th; the second, September 19. More details will be forthcoming.

COMMUNICATIONS There will be a cruise-in/car show at McFadden Friendly Motors in South Haven on Wednesday April 29.

OLD BUSINESS

Award presentations that were unable to be made at the Winter Banquet were taken care of at the March meeting.

The Murray Award was presented to Cody Sarenus.

The Hard Luck Award was presented to Dave Lyon.

Dave Lyon was also presented with a special award recognizing his 21 years of editorship of the Arc & Spark and the numerous Golden Quill Awards the publication earned.

Doug reminded everyone to fill out their Member Update sheets that were included in the Arc & Spark.

We need articles and photos for the Arc & Spark. It should be car oriented, but can be on restored cars, junkyard tours, unrestored projects...you name it.

Dues are overdue, and a list of those not paid up was read at the meeting. Doug asked to extend the deadline for renewal by one month.

Phil Renuart is still collecting for Loaves & Fishes.

NEW BUSINESS - None

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP - None

QUESTIONS, ANSWERS, TIPS AND PLUGS

Bill Binning is planning to attend the 45th Anniversary of the Ford Mustang at the Barber Museum and Race Track in Alabama later this year.

Ted McFarlen reported on some of the difficulties he is encountering as he works to revamp the KAARC website.

Paul Van Stratton is looking for a set of '65 Chevelle Super Sport wheel covers.

T.W. Lane reported that this is a good time to buy a used car with market conditions as they are currently.

Doug McFarlen mentioned that the repossession business is booming and cars are plentiful.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm and the group viewed a video of drag races from 1959 at Detroit Dragway presented by John Lacko.

COFFEE POT HONORS - Phil Renuart

KAARC NEWS AND NOTES

TWO NEW CLUB FUNCTIONS TO FURTHER THE ENJOYMENT OF OLD CARS

In keeping with the campaign to add to the number of club sponsored functions, two old car outings have been added to our official calendar of events. One has been an unofficial event for several years while the other is relatively new.

The unofficial event that has been elevated to official status is the Fly-In held at the privately owned airstrip north of Parchment, just off Riverview Drive. Dick Saddler has promoted this event for several years and

is now the chairman. He will provide details for the May 16th Fly-In at the April meeting. It will be a "bring a dish to pass" affair.

The second event is a Pre-War Car Tour being organized by Al Rohrstaff along the lines of last year's successful outing. This year's Pre-War Tour will take place on June 6th and will convene at the Plainwell Ice Cream Company in Plainwell, It will head out for points still to be determined. Al will fill in the details at the next meeting.

DUES DEADLINE EXTENDED

MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT PAID 2009 DUES YET ARE ENCOURAGED TO GET THEM TAKEN CARE OF BY THE APRIL 21 MEETING! DUES ARE \$10.00 AND MAY BE PAID AT THE MEETING, OR MAILED TO:

DAVE LONG, 14805 BARTON LK. DR., VICKSBURG, MI 49097

CALL DAVE AT 269 649-4494

FUTURE DATES FOR WINTER SWAP

February 6-7, 2010

February 5-6, 2011

February 4-5, 2012

February 2-3, 2013

February 1-2, 2014

February 7-8, 2015

The 2009 - 2010 Calendar

April 26, 2009.....Garage Hop
April 26, 2009 Pioneer Auto Club Show/Swap, South Bend
April 29, 20094th Annual Car Show
in South Haven, Michigan at McFadden Friendly Motors
May 3, 2009.....Mendon Dust-Off
May 16, 2009.....Fly-In, Parchment, MI
May 22-23.....21st Annual Lane Car Show, Watervliet, MI
May 24, 2009.....Nitro Cacklefest - Gilmore Museum
June 6, 2009..... South Haven Festival of Cars, Call Don Hixson @269 637-2864

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

1. Dues are now past due. Please take care of this at the April meeting or you will be dropped from the club. Please send to Membership Chairman, Dave Long, 14805 Barton Lake Drive, Vicksburg, MI 49097. Call 269 649-4494.

2. I was very pleased with the turn out at the March meeting and the great Red Barns meeting hosted by Will Pugsley. The next Red Barns meeting will be at 6 pm before the regular 7 pm meeting April 21 at the church.

3. We will be meeting the 2008 KAARC Scholarship recipients at the April meeting. Please welcome them.

4. We are now on the last leg of getting a new roster. Thank you all for returning your info sheets to Bill Binning in a timely nanner. Give Bill an attaboy when you see him. He does good work.

5. Phil Renuart has been trying to get food donations for the food bank and will be giving it one more try at the April meeting. Let's show that we care and try to fill up his car

DEADLINES FOR FUTURE ARC & SPARKS

For publication, please send articles, Sell and Swap, etc. by the date listed for each issue.

May Issue - Must be received by May 1

June Issue - Must be received by June 1

July Issue - Must be received by July 3

Thank You, The Editor

MARCH WINDS TOUR - 2009

The weather was bright and sunny, although not very warm as 80 members climbed aboard the bus for another March Winds adventure, brought to us courtesy of Stan and Del Rakowski and Chuck and Nancy Nagey. Our destination was the Flint/Lapeer area where we would first stop at the Dort Mall to view an extensive collection of what could best be termed as Americana. After a lunch stop, the afternoon would be spent touring an amazing collection of restored farm tractors, antique cars and trucks.

The Dort Mall houses a huge collection that consists of just about everything. Like old airplanes? It's got 'em! Like old toys? Got 'em! Hockey memorabilia? Yup! Boats? Old cars? Phone booths? Live shark? Affirmative, one and all. Throw in a genuine second-hand shop with vintage clothing, books, toys, and other sundries and a vintage appearing soda shop/lunch bar and you might have about a 25% description of Dort Mall.

We left the mall and drove a short distance to Lucky's Restaurant in Davison, Michigan where we sat down to eat lunch...anything we wanted except from the lunch menu, or so we initially thought. Good food and good fellowship abounded.

We left Lucky's and headed to Lapeer and the Chuck and Diane Schneider collection. The Schneiders are members of the Tin Can Tourists group and have been to the Gilmore Museum a number of times with either their restored, thirties travel trailer or their tractors. The bulk of the Schneider tractor collection centers around orchard tractors, many of which display art deco styling. Beautifully restored John Deeres are displayed among other makes such as Oliver, Hart Parr, Farmall, McCormick-Deering, Case and some of the more specialized tractors like Love, Plymouth and Silver King. Two lengthy, newer style barns nicely house these tractors. After viewing the contents of these two barns, we moved on to the centerpiece of the collection, a large, round roof barn that has been restored to perfection.

Surely a highlight of the big barn, for tractor buffs anyway, was the presence of not one, but two very rare Minneapolis-Moline UDLX tractors. These tractors were designed to perform as tractors and also as "go to town" vehicles. Many of the interior features of the enclosed cabs resembled those of a car more than of a tractor. Cars included a Sharknose Graham, a Chrysler Airflow and Corvettes. Posted on walls everywhere and hanging from the rafters were hundreds of vintage porcelain signs.

All in all, a great March Winds Tour. Hats off to the Rakowskis and the Nagys!



Aircraft of all scales, from small to real size come from every direction at Dort Mall



KAARC club members sorting out the Dort Mall collection



Restored '47 Hudson pickup nestled among the tractors and signs at the Schneider's collection



1938 Diamond T tractor hauler has modern Cummins power

EDITOR'S NOTES...What Goes Around, Comes Around!

At the March 17 KAARC meeting, Dave Lyon finally received official recognition for his untiring efforts to produce our monthly Arc & Spark newsletter. Club president, Doug McFarlen presented Dave with a plaque adorned with an Arc & Spark cover and a copy of the Golden Quill Award from Old Cars Weekly.

During his tenure as club editor, Dave received several Golden Quill Awards and all reflected well upon his editorial efforts as well as on the club as a whole.

I looked up the characteristics that Golden Quill judges look for in determining winners of the annual awards and decided that Dave followed these requirements to a "T" with every issue. I have listed OCW's attributes of a good club newsletter here for two reasons: The first, so that everyone can see what guided Dave each month, and the second, so that I can be continually reminded of just what I need to do to carry on the tradition.

A quality club newsletter:

- Is consistently high quality in design and content
- Offers a balance in content (news, features, technical, etc.)
- Presents fresh and creative material that advances the hobby
- Is a good-will ambassador for the club
- Is visually attractive and interesting

This is my second "go-around" as editor of the Arc & Spark and I think the "then" and "now" comparisons give me a unique perspective on Dave's effects upon the evolution of our club newsletter. I became club secretary in 1982 and remained in that position until 1987 or thereabouts, when Dave took over the secretarial job. Back then, the secretary produced the monthly newsletter, in addition to recording the minutes of each meeting. The club roster was also among secretarial duties. I developed a major addiction to "White Out" along with an aversion to anything connected with a typewriter keyboard.

After a period of time performing these grueling functions, Dave offered to step aside as secretary, but he wished to continue to edit the Arc & Spark. I ended up being re-elected to the secretary position, which I held for roughly another 17 years. Now, Dave's torch has been passed on to me...and mine on to Cody Sarenus.



Dave Lyon accepts special award plaque from Doug McFarlen at March 17 KAARC meeting

GAVEL IS PASSED TO NEW PRESIDENT Steve Turner Accepts Past President Award At 2009 Winter Banquet

One photo that was missing from the 2009 Winter Banquet article a few issues back was the "passing of the gavel", symbolized by the presentation of the Past President Award to the outgoing chief club officer.

Steve Turner served two terms at the helm of the KAARC and during that time established some hallmarks that continued the ongoing process of "streamlining" the meeting process. The award was presented by Doug McFarlen who assumed the duties of President at the March 17 meeting.

Thanks to Ted McFarlen, a photo of this momentous occasion materialized and he emailed it for inclusion in this issue. Ted also supplied the photo of Dave



Steve Turner accepts Past President Award at Winter Banquet

ENGINE WIVES' TALES DEBUNKED

This interesting article appeared in The Gearhead News and was written by Kalamazoo engine guru and record holding drag racer, Don Terrill. Excerpts are printed here with permission.

1.) **Grinding a crank under makes it weaker** -

Cranks always break in the same place, the radius - it's the weakest part of the crank. The larger the radius, the stronger the crank. When a crank is ground there's actually an opportunity to increase the radius and thus increase the strength of the crank. It's all in the hands of the person doing the crank grinding - choose him, or her, wisely.

2.) **Fuel injection always makes more power** - Fuel injection does a great job when throttle position changes often. For types of racing where the throttle is wide open most of the time (like drag racing) a carburetor is a formidable opponent, especially when matched against throttle body injection.

3.) **Too much spring pressure is hard on valves-**

What's hard on valves is the speed at which they contact the valve seat at closing. What dictates how hard the valve hits the seat? It's supposed to be the camshaft closing ramp, but when spring pressure is too low, the valve does not follow it's intended path and instead slams into the seat and actually bounces. So, actually, more spring pressure helps the valve by forcing it to more closely follow the cam shape.

4.) **Rod bolts break because they're bad** - Rod bolts are falsely accused of causing engine failure more often than any other part in the engine. 99% of the time, when a rod bolt breaks it's not the bolt's fault. It's the engine builder's fault, specifically the one who torqued the rod bolts. Rod bolts work by stretching, usually around .006". They're almost always less (say .004") when torqued with just a torque wrench. A stretch gauge is the only way to go.

5.) **Glowing exhaust headers and pipes mean the engine is lean** - Headers and pipes glow for only one reason: there's fuel burning inside of them. The two main reasons are a rich mixture, and late ignition timing which doesn't give the mixture enough time to burn inside the combustion chamber. Test it for yourself. Let the engine idle and crank the ignition timing back to the point where it barely runs...then get out the marshmallows.

SELL AND SWAP

For Sale:1986 Pontiac Fiero 2M4, 4 cyl., Auto, T-Tops & Wing, 72K miles - Driver. \$950.00. 1958 Century Sea Flight Lap-Stake Mahogany Outboard, includes all parts, Teleflex steering, ALO trailer (10 years old), 1960 45 hp Mercury and 1978 30 hp Mercury with gas tanks. \$1,200.00. Call Doug McFarlen 269 345-5667

For Sale:Four (4) P205/75R14 tires, two w/ less than 1,000 miles, two with 18,000 miles. Make offer. Call Bill Binning 269 501-1895

Wanted: 1940 or '41 Ford truck frame rails, w/ X-member, front inner and outer fenders, (truck or sedan), grille, headlight buckets and running boards. Joe Odehnal, joe.odehnal@wmich.edu or 269 342-5509 evenings.

For Sale:1960 Corvette, complete frame-off, black with silver coves, 4-spd., w/hardtop. Best offer over \$60,000 1962 Chevy 283 long block #3789935F09T0DK, needs rebuild. \$300.00 Call Tim Bridgeman 269 372-1667

For Sale:1989 TC Maserati (by Chrysler) 115,000 mi., 2 tops, runs, needs TLC. Nice driver, worth restoring. 269 377-7756 or call Jim Holland 269 673-4867

For Sale:1929 Model A roadster and 1934 Dodge pickup. Call Ken @ 269 521-4418

For Sale:1963 Chevy Nova, 2dr., 6 cylinder, Powerglide, green. \$10,500. Keith McKee 269 567-4166

Wanted: Jeep Cherokee parts, 1989 inline 6 Call Steve VanderRoest 269 382-4573

For Sale:Aluminum wheels, 15 x 7 Corvette aftermarket \$130

For Sale:1963 Corvette Aluminum Intake, #3794129, 340 Horse, excellent condition, \$450.00 Call Tim Bridgeman 269 372-1667

For Sale:1974 Lincoln 4 dr., 1971 Olds Royale conv., 1936 Chevy parts, 1949 Ford parts, 1955 Chevy generator, starter, transmission Call Rob VanderRoest 269 382-4573

For Sale:Parting out 1964 Dodge D200 pickup, glass, door hardware, 225 cubic inch slant six with Torqueflite automatic transmission. Call John McLellan 269 621-3249



Most tractor enthusiasts consider themselves lucky to ever see one Minneapolis-Moline UDLX with enclosed cab up close. To see two of them is almost unheard of...but the Schneider collection does and includes an even rarer open UDLX to boot.



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