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THE KAARC MEETS AT 7:00 PM THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 2122 BRONSON BLVD., KALAMAZOO, MI except for the JUNE meeting/club picnic which is held at the Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI.

CLUB NOTES:

TWO CLUB MEMBERS PASS AWAY

On a sad note, word was received just at deadline time of the passing of two KAARC members, Art Morgan, who passed away May 4th, and Bill McLaughlin, who passed away May 8th. Both were longtime fixtures at the Winter Swap Meet and the Red Barn Spectacular. They will be missed.

COVER PHOTO

This beautiful Model T delivery van serves as a lead-in to the story and photos of our recent April Showers Tour to Detroit. The story, by Steve Turner, and photos by John Lacko appear on pages 4 and 5.

PHOTOS AND ARTICLES NEEDED FOR FUTURE ARC & SPARKS

Your erstwhile editor has been pleased with the responses to his plea for articles and photos for our newsletter. Keep up the good work! For our June issue, we will be treated to beautiful photos and an article from Red McFadden chronicling the "bucket list" cross country trip that he and Marilyn took last year in a Chrysler Airflow. Also in the June issue, David Lyon has penned an article regarding early use of ethanol (corn gas).

Keep in mind that photos do not have to be of completed, show ready vehicles. Photos of works in progress are just as welcome and certainly in keeping with the "restorers" aspect of the name of our club. I'm looking forward to some exciting photo submissions and related stories.

**WESTNEDGE RIDGE & KRAMER (FEDERATED) AUTO PARTS
OFFERS A 10% DISCOUNT TO KAARC MEMBERS.**

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2016 KAARC MEETING

The April KAARC meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Jim Holland.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Dave Peterson from Federated Auto Parts, Joel Garrison from PPG and John Hanson, a guest of T. W. Lane

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The time for Dr. Lapenna event was misprinted: The event starts at NOON and runs to 2:00. Also the June Picnic opens at 5:00 and Dinner will commence 6:00. After corrections were noted, a motion to approve was made, supported and passed.

TREASURERS REPORT: General expenses for the Winter Swap Meet, RBS, printing of Arc and Spark and flyers. Income for the month included the March Winds Tour, vendor spaces, and dues. Motion to approve was supported and passed

OLD BUSINESS

March Winds Tour; a round of applause for Fred Bierlein and Don Gladstone for their efforts toward making the tour a success.

NEW BUSINESS

The New Club Roster; Is your information correct? Addresses? Email address? Phone numbers? Cars? We are about to produce a new roster WE NEED THE CORRECTED INFORMATION TO BE ACCURATE. This round of rosters will have the by-laws included also.

Red Barn Spectacular: This year we will featuring cars built in the 1966 model year. Flyers were produced with the correct date. Vendors are already signing up. We are not promoting the boats separately this year. Advertising has been started.

RBS Volunteer Tee Shirt orders...If you need one... Please contact Kalli Inman 269-629-5383, BEFORE June 1

Please contact car owners. In honor of 50 yrs of the GCM, we are focusing on 1966 cars, west of the Gas Station

There is an RBS meeting set for Thurs 5/19 @ 6:00 PM. TIGF on W Main

Volunteer sign up at the next meeting or contact Larry Tutt or Kay Salo

Winter Swap Meet: Stan is handling the 2017 swap meet. Some pending decisions were discussed.

Attendance on Sunday, and how to increase it.

Also we need addresses vendors who leave on Saturday. We are looking into an Early Bird admittance fee of \$25.00. Will we cancel Room A or use it for a woman's world? Also looking for a co-chair.

COMMITTEES

Color Tour: Jeremy Page Wood will once again do the planning.

Over Nighter: Ken Maxam has volunteered to plan the Overnighter Tour.

Winter Banquet: Still looking for a Chairperson.

UPCOMING EVENT

May 14, 2016 ~ Dr Lapenna Saturday, 12 pm to 2 pm

May 14, 2016 ~ Garage Hop at Pugsley Barn @ 3 pm at their home

May 21, 2016 ~ Don Gilmore Classic: Looking for all Pre War Vehicles – KAARC

June 21, 2016: Car Club Picnic 5 pm Open to Members, 6 pm dinner, 7 quick meeting

July 4, 2016: Bob Packer 4th of July party? More details to come.

August 6, 2016 ~ Red Barn Spectacular

October 2016: Color Tour and Overnighter

REMINDERS: Speakers series at Gilmore Car Museum, Please submit stories to Arc and Spark, Archival materials to WMU.

Announce Speaker: Joel Garrison – Ridge and Kramer – Paint Procedures – Dave Peterson spry can touch up

VERSION 2016 OF THE KAARC MARCH WINDS TOUR

By Steve Turner

There were a few 'new' wrinkles to this year's tour, the first being that it was scheduled for April 9 rather than in March. That was a planned change. The second wrinkle was a bit on the unexpected side, as the weather person dished up a spring snow storm of some magnitude. This meant that instead of clear roads heading to the starting line, drivers encountered snow covered and icy ones. In spite of this surprise all hands were on deck at the Cardinal Bus in time for take-off around 7 am.

The tour, planned by members Don Gladstone and Fred Bierlein, entailed driving east on I-94 to Detroit where several points of interest would be visited. Stopping at the Traverse City Pie Company establishment near Ann Arbor, most riders chose to bulk up so as to ward off both the chill of the morning as well as the tasks before them. Under sail once again the bus didn't slow down until arriving in downtown Detroit near both the Detroit Historical Museum and the Detroit Institute of Art. Members could choose to visit either facility or try to cram in a tour of both. Most chose to head for the DHM first.

The DHM features a number of 'Signature' Exhibits as well as other Detroit related displays. Included are The America's Motor City layout; Detroit: The Arsenal of Democracy exhibit; Doorway to Freedom- Detroit and the Underground Railroad; Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901; Streets of Old Detroit (a glimpse of Detroit in the 1890's) and Meier's Wonderful Clock (a huge many faceted time piece). It was possible to interact via multimedia devices with many of these exhibits.

Of special interest to motorheads was the moving assembly exhibit which showed the dropping down of the body of an '80's Cadillac onto an awaiting chassis. At various intervals one would encounter an automobile such as the 1896 King, the first documented motorcar to travel on the streets of Detroit, a dark gray 1936 Stout Scarab in need to some docent attention and paint as well as a Ford flatbed in which visitors could sit to have a photo op

Due to time constraints many other points of interest must be left for another time as it was necessary to cross Woodward Avenue to partake of the lunch option at the DIA. Several choices greeted the members and all managed to consume sustenance so as to climb aboard the bus for the next stop: the Ford Piquette Avenue plant.

This edifice appears on the outside to have been restored but once inside such is not currently the case. The building is much as it was when Henry and his workers plied their trade in constructing the early Fords, starting back in 1904. Only the 2nd and 3rd floors are currently used by the museum, the first floor being occupied by a paying tenant. After some introductory remarks by the staff and a brief history of the building, the group was divided into two groups to see and hear the building's story.

The museum docents provided a detailed commentary of the various tasks in constructing the first Fords using non assembly line methods. All pre 'T' models save the Model B were on hand to be seen and learned about. Then the history of the development of the Model T was shared as were some of the variants complete with examples of many. Included in this list were a depot hack, snow mobile, dump truck and more. Of special note was the 3rd floor 'special room' where Henry and some of his workers developed the Model T.

Another special exhibit was the Model T flatbed truck with a 'special' plate attached. Sitting just behind this truck was the very first Fruehauf trailer. The invention of this combo ushered in the tractor/trailer industry to American highways.

While there were quite a few Fords on hand, the museum also includes some of the other period marks including a Brush, 2 Maxwells, an Overland, a Studebaker, a Cadillac, an EMF and a Regal Underslung. As a quick trip to modern times we were treated to an early Mustang and silver Ford GT.

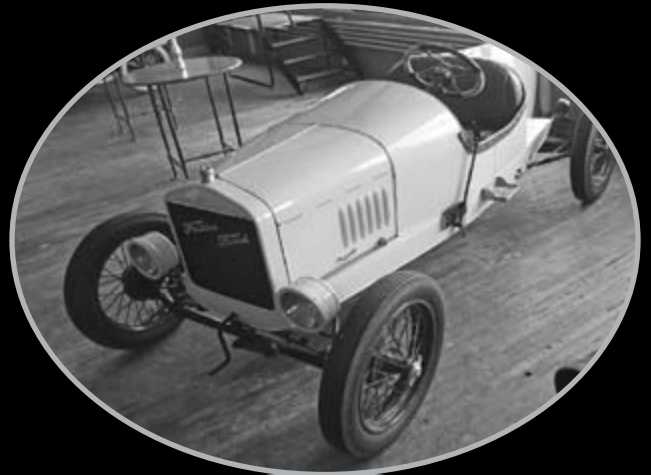
This important piece of automotive history has been saved from destruction and, given the enthusiasm of the volunteer staff plus growing patron attendance, it will continue to improve the experience of relating Ford Motor Company's early development.

Once this tour was completed, the bus moved back onto Woodward Avenue for the final Motor City stop, an ice cream emporium in Ferndale. Overheard more than once at this stop was the following: "How's that again? You don't have vanilla, chocolate or strawberry ice cream?" Once everyone had sampled the unique fare there the bus moved westward toward home, arriving safe and sound around 6:30. Travel on I-94 back west was not hindered in the least by the snow as, for the most part, it had melted away.

Once back in the Target parking lot, a round of applause was given to Fred and Don for a job well done. And so chalk up another successful "March" Winds Tour for KAARC members!

PHOTOS FROM APRIL SHOWERS 2016

by John Lacko



2016 CAR SHOWS AND SWAP MEETS CALENDAR

- May 17 - 22** ~ Tues - Sun • Mecum Auto Auction at the IN State Fairgrounds • 1202 • 38th Street
mecum.com • Indianapolis, IN
- May 21** ~ Sat • 9:00am - 4:00 pm • NEW THIS YEAR: The Donald Gilmore Classic Car Show
- May 27 - 28** ~ Fri - Sat • 28th Annual Lane Automotive Cruise In and Car Show • Watervliet, MI
- May 29** ~ Sun • Buick Automotive Gallery 303 Walnut St • buickgallery.org • Flint, MI • 810.237.3440
- June 3 - 4** ~ Fri - Sat • Fun Run 31 at Upper States Fairgrounds • kruisinklassics.net • Escanaba, MI
- June 3 - 5** ~ Fri - Sun • Pontiacs at Pigeon Forge • pontiacsatpigeonforge.com • Pigeon Forge, TN
- June 3 - 5** ~ Fri - Sun • Concours d'Elegance of Chicago • concourschicago.net • Northerly Island
312.733.4700
- June 4,** ~ Sat • 9:00 am - 2:00 pm • Classic Car Club of America Museum Grand Classic • Gilmore
Car Museum
- June 4** ~ Sat • 6th Annual Churubusco Charity Car & Truck Show 9 - 3 • C & A Tool • 4100 US 33
Churubusco, IN • 260.693.0599
- June 5** ~ Sun • 9:00 am - 2:00 pm • Classic Car Club of America Museum Grand Experience
Gilmore Car Museum
- June 10 - 11** ~ Fri - Sat • Kavalcade Of Kool Car Show at Auction Park FB Auburn Shifters Car Club
Auburn, IN • 260.927.5603
- June 11** ~ Sat • MI Widetrackers Dust Off All Pontiac Car Show • Davisburg, MI
- June 11** ~ Sat • 9:00 am - 2:00 pm • Vintage Motorcycle Ride • Gilmore Car Museum
- June 12** ~ Sun • 9:00 am. - 4:00 pm • Vintage Motorcycle Show and Swap Meet • Gilmore Car
Museum
- June 18** ~ Sat • 9:00 am - 3:00 pm • 6th Annual Air-Cooled Gathering • Gilmore Car Museum
- June 24** ~ Fri • 9:00 am - 5:00 pm • Antique Tractor, Engine, & Machinery Show • Gilmore Car
Museum

Weekly Cruises (Check websites for schedules)

**The Gilmore Car Museum
Essenhaus, Middlebury, IN
Downtown Orland, IN
Crossroads Church, Elkhart, IN
Cruise the Monument, Angola, IN
Baker's Sunday Cruise in Milford, MI
Golling Buick/GMC Cruises Lake Orion, MI
Deano's Ice Cream Nights Allegan, MI**

SELL AND SWAP

For Sale: 1960 Cadillac convertible, 48,000 miles, third owner. \$27,000. Call 269 303-5523

For Sale: 2001 Corvette convertible, blue. Contact Dave Jensen for details. 269 207-3285

For Sale: 1957 Chevrolet 3-speed transmission. Jack Bowen 269 521-4970

For Sale: Borg-Warner T-10 4-spd. manual transmission, \$500. Bill Binning 269 501-1895

For Sale: 1967 Pontiac Grand Prix conv., one owner, \$15,000. Bob Williams 269 383-7868

For Sale: Fox Body Mustang parts, mostly for convertibles, '79-93, call with your needs. Gary Willoughby 269 323-9532

For Sale: 1979 Lincoln Town Car, Collector Series, navy, vinyl roof gone, rusty, 66,000, lush blue velour interior, upgraded radio. See at Hometown Auto., \$1,200

Wanted: Four 16", 6-hole stock Chevy truck wheels. John McLellan 269 5580-2770

For Sale: 1981 Lincoln Continental Mark VI, 108,248 miles, 302 V8, TBI, \$1,800 or best offer. Fran VanderRoest 269 382-4573 or Steve VanderRoest 269 569-5714

Wanted: Driver's side door for 1940 Ford 2 door sedan. Contact Ron Smith at 269-818-7780

For Sale 1933 Chevy, stock Master 4 dr. sedan, 69,000 miles, repaint in 1955, \$10,000. Jack Bowen 269 521-4970

For Sale: 1955 Ford T-Bird--contact Mert Frost 269-375-5918. Car was originally bought from Bernie Deaton.

For Sale: 2003 Trailblazer, 160,000 miles, needs fuel pump. \$3,000 or best offer. Dale Wells 269 375-4844

Wanted: 1926-27 Ford Model T drive train, what have you got? Doug McFarlen 269 873-4509

For Sale: Model-T parts---prices reduced, call-382-5696, ask for Wes

For Sale: 1931 Chrysler Rumble Seat Roadster, restored 8 years ago. Bob Williams, 269 383-7868

For Sale: 2001 Porsche Boxter, new tires & more. Call 269 207-3090

For Sale: 1997 Ford Taurus SHO, new front end parts, brakes and valve cover gaskets. Transmission replaced in '07. New rear spark coils, spark plugs, wires and battery installed in 2013. Call 269 372-1864 for more info.

For Sale: 1965 Imperial 4 Dr. Hardtop, one of only 2,100 made. 413 engine, \$4,000. Call Joe McDaniel 269 355-1937

For Sale: 1928 Ford Model A Roadster, restored; 1953 Ford Convertible, restored. Three Rivers. Call 269 279-7845

For Sale: High efficiency oil furnace, oil water heater, electronic air cleaner and humidifier Great for your barn or house. \$2,500. Rich Rakow 269 382-5875

For Sale: 1970 AAR 'Cuda, burnt orange, \$75,000; 1972 Pontiac Trans Am, 455 HO, 4-speed; 1989 Buick GNX. Call T.W. Lane 269 344-5555

For Sale: 1937 Ford instrument cluster, speedometer, early sealed beam conversion kit with housings, gas tank. Larry Urban 269 434-6955

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