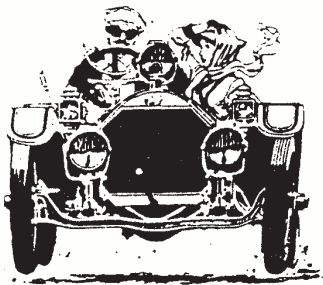


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THE KAARC MEETS AT 7:00 PM THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 2122 BRONSON BLVD., KALAMAZOO, MI except for the JUNE meeting/club picnic which is held at the Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI.

CLUB NOTES

UPCOMING TOURING EVENTS

We still have lots of openings for both bus trips, especially the Autorama trip. Tell all of your friends and sign them up so we can keep these trips going. If you have not paid yet, please do so at the January meeting or mail your check to Fred Bierlein, 5189 Fountain Square Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49009.

DETROIT AUTO SHOW BUS TRIP, THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2018

We are leaving from the Meijer parking lot just north of I-94 by the Meijer gas station. We are loading at 6:45 am and departing at 7:00 am. There will be a 1/2 hour breakfast stop in Jackson, MI and a 1 hour dinner stop in Ann Arbor, MI. Lunch can be purchased at the Food Court in Cobo Hall. All meals are at the member's expense. We will be returning around 8:00 PM. Cost is \$50 per person for members and non-members which, includes admission and transportation.

AUTORAMA BUS TRIP, SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2018

Schedule---Same as above. Cost is \$60 per person for members and non-members which, includes admission and transportation.

AN APOLOGY IS IN ORDER

Although I'm sure Steve Turner would not turn down the opportunity to own a nicely preserved 1962 Studebaker Lark I am equally sure that he would never take credit for ownership of a car that did not belong to him, even if it was ascribed by your erstwhile editor. The ownership of said car is still a mystery to your editor. Does anyone know who the car belongs to? If so, please let me know and this gaff will be corrected.

KALAMAZOO CELERY CITY LICENSE PLATE TOPPERS

STEVE TURNER WANTS TO KNOW HOW MANY MEMBERS ARE INTERESTED IN A KALAMAZOO CELERY CITY LICENSE PLATE TOPPER. CONTACT STEVE TURNER IF INTERESTED LET HIM KNOW HOW MANY YOU WOULD LIKE. 269-965-4247

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER, 2017 KAARC MEETING

The December meeting is the traditional Christmas banquet and it attracted about 80 members. Once again this year Donna & Gary Willoughby organized the banquet with the help of a group of volunteers which Gary calls “his Angels.”

Gary gave the blessing and Donna released the tables in order, although she could not prevent the rush on the dessert table. The club provided the meat entrée and the liquid refreshment, while each member family brought a dish-to-pass. It was well organized, the food quite enjoyable and the conversation most congenial. It was a pleasant affair and we owe the Willoughby family and friends a thank you, which was extended at the end of the evening with a hearty applause.

LOAVES & FISHES: As a part of the banquet activity, members brought food items and winter for donations for Loaves & Fishes.

DONATIONS: The KAARC provided funding for the purchase of Craftsman tools by graduates of the automobile mechanics program at Glen Oaks and Snap-On tools by graduates of the automotive program at the Van Buren Technology Center. Potential employers do not provide tools, so having at least basic mechanics tools makes the candidate more attractive for jobs in the industry.

Students from both programs attended the banquet as did Jim Deroshic, an instructor at Glen Oaks. The KAARC also purchased an engine hoist for the Gilmore Car Museum’s Garage Works, represented at the meeting by Doug McFarlen. Subsequently, Stan Rakowski sent information for an article and photographs of the students for publication by the “Cruising News.”

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Bill Binning was elected President, which moves Jim Holland to the position of past president on the board. Ryan Hawkins was elected vice president, Gary Hawkins treasurer and Steve Turner as secretary. Don Gladstone and Chris Welborn were elected to the board, and will serve until the conclusion of the 2019-20 fiscal year.

Congratulations to the elected members and a thank you to all who stood for election, which is essential to the governance of the club. As is the tradition, the ballots were destroyed at the end of the election.

This traditional event was a most pleasant end to the 2017 year for members of the club.

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK FOLLOW-UP NOTE FROM WILLOUGHBYS

Gary and I want to take a moment to acknowledge and to say “Thank You” to the myriad of folks who have helped us over the years in various capacities. We certainly couldn't do it without your aid and support!! At this time, after many years of coordinating, we have decided to hang up our aprons and turn the potluck over to someone else. With making the announcement this early, it allows a whole year for another member or teams of members, to step forward and take the helm. Gary and I would be happy to offer any advice we have learned over the years. From there, you can “make it your own”.

LEFT-OVER ITEMS FROM THE POTLUCK...

- #1 green towels that were once in a basket
- #2 Two light blue hot pads
- #3 Black plastic long-handled spoon
- #4 Beige plate with brown leaves that had rotisserie chicken on it
- #5 Plastic Meijer bag with table service and REAL silverware.

A SHORT HISTORY OF DETROIT AUTORAMA

The first-ever Detroit Autorama was held at the University of Detroit Memorial Building on Six Mile Rd and Livernois, on January 31 and February 1, 1953. It featured only 40 cars, and was hosted by members of the Michigan Hot Rod Association (MHRA), which was created only a year before to "organize small local clubs into one unified body that could raise the money needed to pull drag racing off the streets and into a safe environment"

The Michigan State Fairgrounds Coliseum became home to Autorama from 1954 until the event was moved to Cobo Center in 1961. In 1956, the MHRA hired local band and sporting-event promoter, Don Ridler, to help the show reach a broader audience. Ridler served as the show's first-true promoter until his death in 1963. The following year, the MHRA created a "Best-In-Show" award for Autorama-named after the man who made the biggest impact in the show's first eleven years, and thus the Ridler Award was born.

The 9th Annual Detroit Autorama was the first to be held at the new Cobo Center, off of Washington Blvd in downtown. That year featured a record 230 cars competing, and filled all 100,000 square feet of Cobo's lower-level basement. The 1961 show's last day also broke the event attendance record by drawing a crowd of approximately 35,000 people. During these early years at Cobo, the event began to attract the competition of big industry names from outside the Motor City, including George Barris, Darryl Starbird, Carl Casper, and "Big Daddy" Ed Roth. And, as part of Ford Motor Company's "Ford Custom Car Caravan", the show also generated attention from other big name car-builders-and-customizers, including Bill Cushenberry, Jack Florence, Dean Jefferies, and Gene Winfield.

Though the show was by then in its twelfth year, it was first in 1964 that the Don Ridler Memorial Award was introduced as the event's top-prize. The Inaugural Don Ridler Award went to Macomb's Al Bergler, with a Competition Slingshot Dragster (Bergler went on to be known in the National Hot Rod Association-NHRA-as the driver of the Motown Shaker Top Fuel Funny Car).

Following Bergler's win in 1964, the next ten years saw both a jump in exhibitors, as well as the number of professional custom-car builders competing for the show's new top-prize. From 1965 to 1973, all nine Ridler-winning entries were either owned-or-built by The Alexander Brothers (Larry & Mike), Jerry Pennington, or George Busti-all of whom were professional builders.

The 1970s brought on some of the craziest and unique rides to have ever won the Ridler.Jerry Pennington's rear-engine Corvette ("Scorpion"), and hand-built custom Street Rod ("Devilfish") featured many of the era's trends, including shag carpeting, velvet seating, and sharp-winged edges. 1974's event was a first for Autorama, as Wimauma, Florida's Don Campbell and his '27 Ford became the first out-of-state entry to capture the Ridler Award.The decade was then capped-off with a series of six Ford T-Bucket-Ridler winners, including three '23's ('76, '78, '79), two '27's ('74 & '75), and one '26 ('77). The Ford Roadster-trend continued throughout the 1980s as well, with two '34 coupes ('81 & '82), a '28 ('80), a '29 ('83), a '33 ('85) and a '35 ('84). The first non-roadster to win the Ridler since 1973 was Dale Hunt's late-model Pontiac Grand Am Pro-Stock at the 34th annual Detroit Autorama in 1986. Hunt's Grand Am remains one of only two Pro-Stock cars to have won the Ridler (the other being Bob Rizzoli's '92 Mercedes 560 SEC).

Throughout the 1980s and 90s, the Autorama continued to grow into one of the most prestigious car shows in the country. To assist in growing, the next generation of professional builders and renowned car owners began to make their way to Cobo every winter in hopes of capturing the much-desired Ridler Award. Among them were California's Bobby Alloway and Boyd Coddington, Memphis' George Poteet, along with many others. The only downside to this growing national attention was Michigan's dwindling presence. As exhibitors started traveling from across the country to fight for the show's top prize, many local Detroit and Michigan entries became less competitive against cars from other states, most of which were being built with much larger budgets. The last Michigan-built entry to win the Ridler Award at the 45th Annual event in 1997.

2018 NAIAS AT A GLANCE

THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS EXPECTED TO JOIN IN A DAY OF LEARNING AT NAIAS JANUARY 5, 2018

The North American International Auto Show (NAIAS) will become a hands-on classroom on Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018, as the 14th Annual NAIAS Education Day is held.

EYES ON DESIGN AWARDS

A panel of design leaders representing worldwide automotive manufacturers and transportation design chiefs from top design schools around the globe select vehicles to receive EyesOn Design Awards at the North American International Auto Show, January 16, 2018.

Honoring the best production and concept vehicles making their worldwide auto show debut in Detroit, the EyesOn Design Awards will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 16 at the Cobo Center Atrium stage. Media and the public are invited to attend the 12th annual awards presentation, the officially sanctioned design awards for NAIAS.

Considered the validation of great automobile design from the industry's leaders, the EyesOn Design awards were originally designed by Steven Correia of Santa Monica, California in consultation with Tom Gale, founding chairman of EyesOn Design at NAIAS and retired EVP of Design at Chrysler Corporation. The awards are of optical crystal of great purity with a very high index of refraction, and are prominently displayed in automotive design studios around the world.

Award winners are selected by more than 30 active and retired design heads of automotive manufacturers and transportation design chairs from top art schools. Serving as chief judges will be Acura global creative director Dave Marek; former Nissan design VP and chief creative officer at Brojure.com Victor Nacif; Stewart Reed - transportation design chair at ArtCenter College of Design; and VP of Global Design for General Motors, Mike Simcoe.

The 2018 awards will be given in the following categories:

- Best Concept Vehicle - presented by Dassault Systèmes
- Best Production Vehicle - presented by Henry Ford Health System
- Innovative Use of Color, Graphics or Materials - presented by Axalta Coating Systems
- Best Designed Interior - presented by ABC Group Inc.
- Best Designed User Experience - presented by HFHS Department of Ophthalmology
- Designer Catalyst Award as selected by Ed Welburn - presented by HFHS Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology
- New for 2018 Vehicle Harmonization – presented by Lacks Enterprises

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION VISIT: www.eyesondesign.org/auto-show-awards.

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Dates and Times

8 a.m. daily - Early access for handicapped individuals
Enter at the Hall C Entrance only

Saturday, January 20 - Saturday, January 27, 2018

9 a.m. - 10 p.m. (no admittance after 9 p.m.)

Sunday, January 28, 2018

9 a.m. - 7 p.m. (no admittance after 6 p.m.)

1956 DODGE MODEL K SEMI -TRACTOR

By John McLellan

As you can guess, McLellan is putting another one of his motley collection of old trucks on the cover, primarily because he has not received any member photos by deadline. This is getting quite expensive, by the way, and my wife no longer buys the excuse that I have to buy a truck to have something for the Arc & Spark cover each month.

This 1956 Dodge semi-tractor actually started life as a ready-mix concrete truck in Denver, Colorado. How it found its way to Marengo, Illinois and the collection of Randy Griebel is anybody's guess. For his part, after acquisition, Randy restored the truck inside and out and got it running in fine shape. I found out about it when I sold an old Fruehauf stainless steel trailer to him last summer. When he decided to sell it, I received several photos via email and I was hooked. Major selling points, in my view, were that it was a tandem, had air brakes and was powered by a 354 Power Giant Hemi. The

354 made its debut in Chrysler New Yorkers and Imperials in 1956 and it was also the first year for Dodge's larger trucks to use the same engine. The 354 hemi was a one year only engine in the passenger cars, being replaced by the 392 in 1957, but it remained as a truck powerplant until 1959.

The truck has a 4-speed main transmission and a 3-speed auxiliary transmission. The rear end is not the usual tandem configuration, although it is a "twin screw" meaning both axles are powered. The axles are connected by a unique, interaxle differential which, when engaged via a switch on the shift lever, will allow one axle to spin faster than the other for traction in mud or snow.



UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 25, 2018 - BUS TRIP TO DETROIT AUTO SHOW (NOTE DATE CHANGE)

JANUARY 20, 2018 - ANNUAL KAARC WINTER BANQUET, WMU FETZER CENTER,

FEBRUARY 3-4, 2018 - 55TH ANNUAL WINTER SWAP MEET AT KALAMAZOO EXPO CENTER

MARCH 3, 2018 - ANNUAL BUS TRIP TO THE DETROIT AUTORAMA

MARCH 24, 2018 - MARCH WINDS BUS TOUR TO GM HERITAGE CENTER AND STAHL AUTO MUSEUM.

SELL AND SWAP

FOR SALE: 2000 Jaguar S-Type 4-Door, Approximately 119,000 miles, Very good condition, \$3,500. Larry Sweein 517 881-5240

FOR SALE: Generac generator for sale. 10 HP Briggs & Stratton engine. Used about 20 hours since purchased. Starts right up and uses no oil. \$200.00 OBO. Steve T. 269-965-4247 or stude-fan41@gmail.com

FOR SALE: Surrey Deluxe 4-wheel bike, two people pedal, small removable 2-child carrier on front, 7-speeds, lights, used very little, asking \$2,500.00 OBO Mel Taylor 269 673-2578

FOR SALE: 1949 Whizzer (original) Model J, chrome exhaust and rear stand, twist grips, cover, runs well,. Asking \$2,500 Mel Taylor 269 673-2578

FOR SALE: 1968 MB 280S engine and trans. John Malmstrom 269 303-5523

FOR SALE: 2004 GTO (HOLDEN) Less than 5000 miles, 385 horsepower dyno sheet, Located in Moatthoursville, PA \$15,200 Tom Inman 570, 323-7633

FOR SALE: 1986 Chevy Short bed pickup, new crate engine, current under restaration, not on road yet. Greg Wells, 269 375-4844

FOR SALE 1960 Austin Healy 3000, 1952 Chrysler New Yorker Conv., 1930 Chevy 2 dr. sedan, 1982 Avanti, 350 V8 T.W. Lane 344-5555

FOR SALE: 1927 Model T Sedan, 269 377-7756

WANTED: Chevy powerglide transmission set up, to hook up to Chevy 235 six cylinder engine '55 to '62. Doug McFarlen 1-269-345-5667.

FOR SALE: 1978 Corvette Mike Duggan, 269 207-5587

FOR SALE: 1926-7 Model T chassis, complete with engine and wire wheels. \$1500.00 Al Rohrstaff, 269 207-7239

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