




# KALAMAZOO ANTIQU AUTO RESTORERS CLUB

## INFORMATION and MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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### K.A.A.R.C. Annual Events Calendar

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| <b>January</b>   |  <p>The <b>Winter Banquet</b> is a social event held on the last Saturday in January. Recognition awards are presented to our members.</p>   |
| <b>February</b>  | <p>The <b>Winter Swap Meet</b> is the largest swap meet in the Midwest held on the first week-end in February at the Kalamazoo Expo and Fairgrounds. It is known for the slogan -<br/><i>"This ain't no flea market!"</i></p>   |
| <b>March</b>     |  <p>The <b>March Winds Bus Tour</b> goes to a museum, private automobile collection, or related automobile historical site.</p>  |
| <b>April</b>     | <p>The <b>Garage Hop</b> is a vintage car tour to the garages of area automobile enthusiasts.</p>   |
| <b>May</b>       | <p>An organized tour to the <b>Mendon Dust Off</b>, Mendon, MI.</p>   |
| <b>June</b>      | <p><b>Our Summer Family Potluck</b>, an evening of fun, is celebrated at the Gilmore Car Museum. Also in June is our "Ladies Only" Bus trip or tour.</p>  |
| <b>July</b>      | <p>The July 4th celebration is a traditional picnic and parade.</p>   |
| <b>August</b>    |  <p>We are proud to sponsor the <b>Red Barns Spectacular</b>, one of the oldest car shows and swap meets in Michigan. It is held the 1st Saturday of August at the Gilmore Car Museum, in Hickory Corners.</p> |
| <b>September</b> |  <p>The KAARC Fall Autorama is an automobile related activity that may vary from an overnight tour in vintage cars to a bus tour to an automotive heritage site.</p>   |
| <b>October</b>   |  <p>The KAARC Color Tour is our traditional FALL tour in vintage cars to view the colors of the season.</p>  |
| <b>November</b>  | <p>Nomination of Officers</p>   |
| <b>December</b>  | <p>Christmas Pot Luck Dinner and election of officers for next year.</p>  |

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A prospective member will have attended three (3) club-sponsored events. An active member traditionally introduces the applicant, not mandatory, at a regular meeting of the club. A new member shall be eligible for two (2) name badges, two (2) windshield decals, together with a copy of the current club directory, by-laws, and a copy of the monthly newsletter. \*Initiation Fee waived at Red Barns Spectacular, Club Picnic and Winter Swap Meet.

Vintage Automobile(s) owned, if any \_\_\_\_\_

When accepted for membership in the KAARC, I do hereby agree to abide by the club rules and by-laws and give my full support to the betterment of the club.

I have attached \$20<sup>00</sup> for current dues, plus Initiation Fees \$20<sup>00</sup>

New Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_

For club records use only

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Form 2014



# KALAMAZOO ANTIQUE AUTO RESTORERS CLUB

The *Kalamazoo Antique Auto Restorers Club* was organized by John Bailey in 1962. The early meetings were characterized by the exchange of auto parts and restoration tips.

**The Mission of the Kalamazoo Antique Auto Restorers Club**, a family oriented regional organization, is to preserve the restoration and preservation of antique, veteran, and collector automobiles, and by its activity and fellowship, to promote appreciation and understanding of the history of the motor vehicle. Ownership of an antique, veteran, or collector automobile is not a requirement for membership.

In 1963, the club members organized their first swap meet at the corner of Westnedge and Michigan Avenue in Kalamazoo. The following year, they expanded to the Engel VW Dealership at Crosstown and Vine Streets. Today the swap meet has grown to the largest of its kind, covering over 52,000 square feet, now held annually at the Kalamazoo Expo and Fairgrounds on the first week-end of February.



In 1967, Norm Knight decided to publish a monthly newsletter, which he named the *Arc N Spark*. Read by car enthusiasts across the country, the *Arc N Spark* has won many "Golden Quill Award's" from *Old Cars Weekly*. Recent copies

of the *Arc N Spark* may be viewed on the club website at [www.kaarc.org](http://www.kaarc.org).



Since 1980, the club has sponsored the **Red Barns Spectacular Car Show**. This car show and swap meet, held the first Saturday of August, gets its name from the red barns at the Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, Michigan. Once again, the purpose was to fulfill the club's mission of preserving antique cars and recognizing restorations of quality.



**The club celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2012.** Please join us on the journey towards 100. We always welcome car enthusiasts. You do not need to own a vintage car...but you do need to be able to talk cars, and cars, and more CARS! Come meet a great group of people. The coffee is always hot at our monthly meetings.

**JOINING OUR CLUB IS EASY.** Attend three club sponsored activities, events, or meetings; then complete the membership application and pay your dues. We are now meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of most months at the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2122 Bronson Blvd., Portage, MI.

*Questions? Please contact one of the MEMBERS below for current club information.*

Jim Holland, Allegan 269-377-7756  
Steve Turner, Battle Creek 269-965-4247  
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## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Please complete both sides of this application and mail to:

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**K.A.A.R.C.**  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Events Attended: 1) \_\_\_\_\_  
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3) \_\_\_\_\_