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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.

Cover Car: Kent and Linda VanEmst's 1909 IH Auto Wagon. See Page 7

CLUB NOTES

John Lacko Becomes A Major Prize Winner at Winter Banquet!



Saving the best for last, banquet organizers Cody Sarenus and Ted McFarlen pulled John Lacko's name out of the hat as the winner of the Major Prize, a coveted Leg Lamp like the one delivered to Ralph's old man in the classic movie, "A Christmas Story." John, with Nancy's permission we are sure, wasted no time in proudly displaying the prize in his window. We have not heard of any major traffic snarls on Waite Avenue as a result of the display, but we will keep you posted.

MARCH WINDS TOUR

March Winds Tour – Saturday, March 28, 2015. The deadline for payment for the March Winds Tour is March 1, 2015. The cost is \$20 per person for members, \$30 per person for non members. Please make checks payable to KAARC. Payment can be made to Don Gladstone at the February meeting or mailed to Fred Bierlein – 5189 Fountain Square Drive, Kalamazoo Michigan 49009. The bus will be loading at 7:00 AM and leaving at 7:15 AM from the Target parking lot near the intersection of West Main and 131. Please do not park in the Dunham's parking lot, as they will ask you move.

RIDGE & KRAMER - THE WESTNEDGE STORE, SOUTH OF MILHAM ONLY, OFFERS A 10% DISCOUNT TO KAARC MEMBERS.

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY KAARC MEETING

Meeting called to order 7:02pm

Members attended: 40

Guests in Attendance: None.

Secretary Report: The minutes of the December meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: General expenses. Banquet expenses. Bus fees for the North American International Auto Show. Memorial brick for Daisy Deaton. Accepted as presented.

Past Activities: Jackson Meet. Rich Salvaggio says those who did not attend didn't miss anything. He handed out flyers for the Winter Swap Meet.

-John Lacko reported on their 6500 mile road trip. They went to many places during the trip and ended up in California to visit family during the holidays. They went to car shows and even met the second African American to drive in the Indy 500. He visited Dan Gurney's All American Racers in Santa Ana. They also traveled through Midland, Texas, the home of the Chapparrals. At the California Adventure, they discovered that the Disney movie **Cars** has the entire set.

T.W. Lane talked about the Barrett Jackson Auction. Gross sales were about 292 million. The car count was 502 for Chevy, 288 for Ford, 8 for Chryslers and 8 for Ferrari.

Upcoming Activities: Those traveling on the bus to the **Detriot Auto Show** will meet at the Meijer on Westnedge at 6:45 am. and leave at 7am. The group will stop in Jackson for breakfast and then head off to the show. The group will depart Cobo Hall at 5:00 and get dinner on the way home. Arrival in Kalamazoo will be at 9:00p.m.

March Winds Tour: This year, the tour will be heading to Detroit to the Roush Manufacturing facility and the Roush Auto Collection.

Winter Banquet: Ted and Cody are hosting the banquet. Ted talked about the event. There was a concern about the pricing for a single versus a couple. Ted says that we will look into it next

year. We are not changing anything so close to the event.

Winter Swap Meet: Stan reported that everything is ready to go.

Swap Meet in Grand Rapids: Moved from DeltaPlex to 1256 28th street SW.

CPI Show. February 15th, 9 to 3.

Old Business: projector is still missing. If you know anything about it please contact Ted McFarlen. We need to find it so we can have presentations at meetings and events.

Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes sent us an email thanking the club for the food donations from the December holiday gathering. They say we donated 114 pounds of food.

New Business: KVCC scholarship has one candidate for the semester. He will be at the February meeting. Gilmore Car Museum is hosting speakers again this year. Look at the Gilmore web site for details. There will be new officers in March. Jim Holland as President, Don Gladstone Vice-president, Ted McFarlen Secretary and Ryan Hawkins Sybeilla Richardson as new board members.

Dues are Due: *Peggy Toothman says we are 50%. \$20 or members and \$10 for life members.*

Tips and Plugs: Lou Hoekstra. For 50 dollars he will do colored pencils drawings of cars.

Coffee Pot Honors. Bill Saunders

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

KAARC Members

I would like to thank each and every member. What an honor it was to receive the Knight Award. I have enjoyed working with all of you on the different events and the Arc & Spark.

*Thank you
Sue Haagsma*

STUDEBAKERS IN THE WEST

Photos and Story by John Lacko

Once I started to explore the central California coast after arriving at Vandenberg AFB in early 1967, I noticed Studebakers in numbers far beyond what I had ever seen back in the "mitten state." Studebakers were waiting to be discovered all over the central coast. Pick ups were common in the small towns around the base and parked beside 101 along the Pacific. In Santa Barbara, I found a great original 1948 Studebaker Regal Deluxe convertible, one of 7980, just parked an alley. I attended a huge national Studebaker event in San Luis Obispo one summer. Now years later, as we travel each Christmas back and forth to California, I am reminded of how numerous Studebakers seem to be in the Southwest. In the San Diego Automobile Museum last year, I found a barn find, 1935 Studebaker coupe on display. Studebakers are also all along Route 66. Based on their production numbers, they are a lot more common in California and out west than you would expect. Why did Studebaker sell so well in the West? I was curious. Before Studebaker made cars, the company was a major wagon manufacturer, starting in the mid 1850's. The Studebaker Brothers wagon works produced wagons for gold seekers in 1857. During the Civil War, the Army ordered wagons from Studebaker. President Lincoln rode to Ford's Theater in a Studebaker carriage. Studebaker wagons carried half of the pioneers west. In 1872, Studebaker declared itself to be "the largest vehicle builders in the world." In 1898, Studebaker was able to produce 500 wagons for the Army in 36 hours. The big Budwieser wagon now pulled by Clydesdales was originally a Studebaker wagon. So even beer is involved in this passion for Studies. Steve Turner has found that California accounts for the highest of new members in the Studebaker Club. The reliability of horse drawn Studebaker wagons, 150 years ago, apparently earned the respect and loyalty of pioneer families moving west. Until Studebaker went out of production, generations of Westerners still felt bonded to Studebakers, 100 years of brand loyalty.



2015 WINTER BANQUET

Photos by Ted McFarlen

The predicted winter storm held off just long enough to assure clear, dry roads to and from the Annual KAARC Winter Banquet, held on January 31 at Easley Mill in Plainwell, Michigan

An evening of automotive fellowship, great food, attractive door prizes and well-deserved awards was enjoyed by all. Here are the photos of the award winners.



OLD MAN WINTER SMILES UPON THE 2015 KAARC WINTER SWAP MEET

Photos by John Lacko

After last year's "winter blast" that hampered the turnout at the swap meet, we were all pleasantly surprised by the relative warmth of the sun and the temps in the high 30's that brought out near record crowds for this year's meet. There was even a respectable number of outdoor vendors.

John Lacko had his camera ready to record the crowds at the event and we share his photos here.



SELL AND SWAP

For Sale: 3 Ton Companion Hydraulic Floor Jack with 4 Six-Ton Jack Stands 16" – 24" \$90.00. Two 3-Ton Steel Jack Stands 12" – 20" \$15.00. Two Steel Car Ramps 10" \$15.00. Tom Kayser 344-0470

For Sale: 1947 Pontiac fastback, Mike Rumler, 269-329-9935

For Sale: Used 18' wide X 7' high overhead garage door complete with track and hardware. Reduced to \$150.00. Fred Bierlein 269-806-1430.

For Sale: 1980 Pontiac Trans Am. Local lady bought it brand new. T top. Turbocharged. Contact Stan Rakowski for details.

For Sale: 1965 Imperial 4 Dr. Hardtop, one of only 2,100 made. 413 engine. \$5,000.00 Call Joe McDaniel 269 355-1937

For Sale: 1988 Mazda RX7 Roadster, black, black/gray cloth interior, needs some work. \$1,200.00. 1986 Jeep Grand Wagoneer, \$2,000.00, 2003 Cadillac Deville, \$3,000.00. T.W. Lane 344-5555

For Sale: 1953 Chevy car parts: left front fender, 2 rims with hub caps, trunk with keys, headlights, manuals, bulbs, air cleaner, engine head cover, starter, generator, alternator, wiper pump, taillight, gauges, two radios w/speakers and antennas. Call George 269 720-5314

For Sale: Car dolly, new tires and wiring \$350; 6' x 8' snowmobile trailer, tilts and swivels, \$300 Bob Williams 269-383-7868

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

For Sale: Amphicar. For information, call Kalamazoo Kazoo Book Store, 269 385-2665

For Sale: 1982 VW Rabbit Conv. Mostly complete project car. Running when parked 10 years ago.. \$1,000 obo. Dale Wells 375-4844.

For Sale: Reproduction dash knob and cable sets for **KB Series International trucks.** Rich Salvaggio, 269-381-0510

For Sale: 1953 Studebaker-- Contact Bob Spears at 313-846-6615.

1980 Pontiac Trans Am, T-Tops, Turbocharged. Call Stan Rakowski 269 375-3669

Wanted: Pilot Ray head lamp or pieces and parts of one. Steve 269-965-4247 studefan41@gmail.com

ON OUR COVER

KENT AND LINDA VANEMST'S 1909 INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER AUTO WAGON

This 1909 International Harvester Auto Wagon has an interesting, but local interest history. According to legend, this truck has never been out of Leelanau County. It seems to have traveled between Suttons Bay and Northport as a delivery truck for the local grocery store in Omena. The family I bought it from have owned the vehicle since 1937...lots of local history.

The truck has a 2-cylinder, air-cooled 15 horsepower engine built in Akron, Ohio. The top speed is up to 20 mph which makes it a good parade vehicle. The last time it ran was in 2005. It is in need of brass headlights and a buggy seat. Otherwise, it appears to be complete

I heard that the truck existed probably ten years ago. I had expressed to family members many times that I would be interested in purchasing it. Finally, this past fall, I received the phone call letting me know that they were ready to part with it. The condition was that I get it running. I am counting on Basil Lewis, charter KAARC member, to help me reach this goal.

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