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The Late Margaret Dunning And Her 1930 Packard

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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:

From: sdrakow2@aol.com

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Cc: jmclellan75@comcast.net

Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2015 3:55:22 PM Subject: KAARC Archives

Today 5 boxes of KAARC Archives have been delivered to WMU Archives & Regional History Collections. Sharon Carlson, the department head, advises it will be a couple of months before the KAARC records will be placed in a permanent place. All the records since 1962, were separated by year in folders and they were all marked. WMU will go through each yearly folder, to be sure, they are in proper order. The street address is--Zhang Legacy Collections Center, 1650 Oakland Dr., Kalamazoo MI 49008-5307. The phone number is 269-387-8490..This location is north of Howard street, on the west side of Oakland..Have been advised that Ray Detrich, a very prominent auto person who lived in Kalamazoo a short while, designed many Classic Cars, also a KAARC member, and designed a Gibson guitar, left some recordings at WMU archives. WMU is now on the mailing list to receive future editions of the Arc & Spark. -Stan

Bob Packer - Fourth of July Party

Saturday July 4th

12:30 Cocktails • 1:30 Lunch

4:00 Parade Line up • 5:00 Parade

Please bring table service and a dish to pass

Swimming, great conversation and lots of beautiful cars to look at!!!

Sibella Richardson is in need of door prize materials for the Red Barns Spectacular. Please help by volunteering to collect items.

THE WESTNEDGE RIDGE & KRAMER (ONLY) OFFERS A 10% DISCOUNT TO KAARC MEMBERS.

MINUTES OF THE MAY 2015 KAARC MEETING

The May 2015 KAARC meeting was called to order by Jim Holland at 7:00 p.m. A moment of silence was observed for deceased member

GUESTS - Brittany Williams from the Gilmore Car Museum was seeking volunteers for their upcoming Motor Cycle Show

- Mitchell Courtney- KVCC scholarship recipient for the Automotive Program who introduced himself.

MINUTES OF APRIL 2015 meeting were approved as written in the A&S after a correction to add Stan Rakowski to the Scholarship Committee.

TREASURERS REPORT – Gary Hawkins reported on: General expenses, Memorial Bricks, Toothman Printing for Arc Spark and mailings, two WMU scholarship rewards, income from Red Barns, dues, and March Winds Tour.

OLD BUSINESS

- A round of applause was given for John Lacko's slide presentation last month on Martin US-131 Dragway-1965

- Archives status. They will be packed and sent to WMU next week.

- Rich Salvaggio – Winter Swap Meet. Changing of the guard. Stan had a meeting with Rich and went over things and gave him his blessing.

NEW BUSINESS

- Club Picnic. Gilmore Car Museum has an event on the same night as our normal picnic in June. **So this year we are moving it to July 21st. Same as usual just a different month.**

- June club meeting will be held at Mt. Zion Church on Bronson Blvd.

- Flowers at Gilmore Car Museum - Dave Lyon asked the board for a donation to plant flowers on the grounds. After approval, Dave Lyon retracted the request because there was lack of help at GCM to maintain the flowers.

- Red Barn Spectacular - Meeting June 25, 6:00 Main St Pub near corner of Gull Road and Sprinkle.

- Winter Banquet - There are some concerns about the facility for the Winter Banquet. Parking is one, the other is difficulty to get in and out of the building, and two people didn't like the food. Ted is looking

into another facility for the Winter Banquet. Any suggestions please contact Ted McFarlen, 269 349-0933

PAST ACTIVITIES

April 25th - Lapenna's Garage. Excellent turn out.

- Mendon Dust off. Same as usual. Except for the GR gallery girls.

- Chris Welborn went to Coldwater Show, nice show.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May – 22-23 - Lane Automotive Car Show

May 20 - , Winchell School Car Show

June 13 - Vicksburg Car show

July 4th – Bob Packer 4th Party? Jim Holland will be contacting Bob to see about the party.

July 21 KAARC Picnic at Gilmore Car Museum. Board serving. 6pm – Bring a dish to pass and your own table service.

July 9-11 - Iola Swap Meet , Iola, Wisconsin

August 1 – Red Barn Spectacular

Upcoming Events To Be Scheduled

September – Over Nighter

October – Color Tour

December - Christmas Bus to Chicago - Bob Williams

TIPS AND PLUGS;

SLR had a box “o” stuff for anyones liking.

Member talked about Northwestern Auto Parts in Grand Rapids.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55.

EVENING'S SPEAKER: Mr. Tom Baranoski of the Grand Rapids Auto Gallery spoke about the way they run their specialty auto sales business. They take cars on consignment and connect sellers with buyers from around the country.

JUNE SPEAKER:

To Be Announced

UPCOMING SPEAKER PROGRAM PROMISES TO BE INFORMATIVE AND ENTERTAINING

Our KAARC Speaker Program will continue at the June 16 meeting when we host Mr. Scott Starkweather, Director of the Van Buren Technology Center in Lawrence, Michigan.

Scott is no stranger to the automotive hobby. He has been busily involved in restoring a '67 Pontiac GTO and, in his previous job as Auto Technology Instructor at Benton Harbor High School, his students, under his direction and tutelage, built a pro-street/drag Oldsmobile Starfire powered by a modified 455 Olds engine. He has also helped with judging at the Concours on the Bluff Car Show in St. Joseph, Michigan

When the Van Buren Skills Center opened its doors to students in January 1976, it had two purposes: give students the opportunity to explore different careers, and prepare students to enter the work force. Times have changed, so has our name and mission!

As the needs of business and industry change, one thing remains constant, the Van Buren Technology Center will continue to provide students with state-of-the-art training to prepare them for whatever journey they may choose in life.

Today, VBTC is no longer an alternative to post-secondary education. The purpose of the Van Buren Technology Center is to prepare students for a world of opportunities through a combination of applied learning, work experiences and college course work. While the Technology Center continues to give students the opportunity to explore career choices, imagine earning 15 or more college credits at no cost to parents or the sending school!

The Van Buren Technology Center, in Lawrence, Michigan, is at the geographic center of Van Buren County, in the southwest section of the state. There are 11 school districts within the county, ranging in size from 50 to 300 students per grade level. Average distance from each school district to the Van Buren Technology Center is 15 miles.

The Technology Center is just one of the educational services provided by the Van Buren Intermediate School District. The Center, at roughly 130,000 square feet, serves over 1,000 high school junior and senior students each year. Each of the Center's 27 Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs commitment to three areas of expertise:

Industry Standards

Michigan and National CTE standards

Integrated Academics (Michigan Merit Curriculum)

Although Van Buren County is mainly rural and agricultural, it's also scenic and sports numerous lakes, rivers, and woodlands. Covering a geographic area of about 624 square miles, the county has 133 inland lakes, and 13 miles of Lake Michigan shoreline. The total water area within the county (including rivers and streams) is almost 13 square miles. Area recreational activities and attractions within the county include:

Lake Michigan (beaches, marinas, parks, camping, and public access facilities)

Van Buren State Park (Lake Michigan access, beaches, camping, hiking, and cross-country skiing)

Kal-Haven Trail (34-mile hiking/bicycling trail between Kalamazoo and South Haven)

Timber Ridge Ski Resort

Golfing

Fishing

Numerous lakes, rivers, and streams

Museums

Art galleries

Various town and village festivals

MARGARET DUNNING REMEMBERED

By Katrease Stafford: kstafford@freepress.com

There were few things philanthropist and Plymouth businesswoman Margaret Dunning loved more than classic cars and helping others.

Miss Dunning, who single-handedly funded the expansion of the Plymouth Historical Museum and was involved in many community projects over nearly nine decades in Plymouth, died on Sunday while visiting Santa Barbara, Calif., after she suffered injuries in an accidental fall. She was 104.

Miss Dunning was born June 26, 1910, on a farm at Plymouth Road and Telegraph in Redford Township, to Charles and Bessie Dunning, and moved with her mother to Plymouth in the 1920s. Elizabeth Kerstens, director of the Plymouth Historical Museum, said Miss Dunning lived in the same home on Penniman Avenue for more than 90 years.

Miss Dunning was known for her love of collectible cars and her ability to maintain them — and drive them, even as a centenarian — and was a regular participant in the Woodward Dream Cruise and the Concours d'Elegance. Miss Dunning told the Free Press in 2013 that she loved the Dream Cruise and "wouldn't miss it" for the world.

"I grew up on a farm with a lot of machinery, and my mother maintained everything. I was an only child and my father would be fixing something so he'd ask me to get him a tool. I couldn't help but be fascinated," she said at the time.

Lifelong friend Dave Reitzel recalls Miss Dunning still doing minor auto and house repairs well into her 90s.

"About five or six years ago, she called me and said, 'Dave, can you find any big sheets of cardboard?,' " he recalled. "I asked, 'What do you need that for?' She said, 'Well, when I change the oil in my cars, I have to slide under the cars.' She repaired everything. She was quite a gal, really quite the gal. I enjoyed every minute I knew her. She was an amazing friend. She was out there (in California) 10 days and just before she left, she said I would be the last one to talk to her before she left for California," Reitzel said. "That kind of saddened me." In 1971, she donated more than \$100,000 to the Plymouth Historical Society toward the building of the Plymouth Historical Museum, and later donated \$1 million for a museum addition. She and her mother were instrumental in building the Dunning-Hough Library.

Ms. Dunning and her Packard attended a classic car show at Gilmore Car Museum a few years back, and her car was featured in 2013 at the Concours on the Bluff Show in St. Joseph, Michigan.

STEVE TURNER ATTENDS THE PLAINWELL CAR SHOW

Saturday June 6 dawned bright and breezy, a perfect day for a car show. The KAARC was well represented by three members and their cars. You might recognize the Griffith's '57 Ford convertible, Saddlers' 35 Dodge panel and our '48 Studebaker sedan.

The '17 Dodge is very similar to the one once owned by Phil Renuart, and now by Kevin Bornhorst, but is not that car! The Cougar was a sharp all original '69 model.



THE END OF AUTOMOBILE COLLECTING?

by Dale Wells

(Editor's Note: While reading the most recent issue of Collectible Automobile, thoroughly and hungrily digesting an article on one of the heroes of my youth, Norm Thatcher, and another article on Norm's speed runs at Bonneville in a modified '58 Chrysler 300D, I focused my attention on the editorial pages. There, lo and behold, was a letter to the editor by none other than Dale Wells. I thought it was well-written, and posed some interesting thoughts pertaining the present and the future of auto collecting as we know it. His letter is reprinted here, with permission of Collectible Automobile Magazine.)

No, not the magazine; the automobiles! Yes, most of the great automobiles have already been built. The interesting brass antiques, the marvelous Classics of the 1920's and 1930's, and the powerful V-8's of the 1950's, 1960's, and 1970's are the ultimate collectible automobiles. Sure there are still thousands of luxury cars and powerful sports cars being built, but are there enough of them to support the multitude of car collectors we see in the population of today, and the projected population of the next several generations ?

Besides the question of availability, there is the question of desirability. Due to economic and social concerns, automobiles in production as of this writing are getting smaller, and more uniform in design, construction and appearance.. And in anticipation of the physical limitations of getting more cars onto the roads and keeping traffic moving safely, we now see the self-driving automobile becoming a reality. More and more car collectors can be heard commenting about a lack of interest in collecting anything now in mass production.

Now enters the law of supply and demand. They don't make brass cars anymore. They don't make many Classics anymore which were built to a standard of excellence at any cost. They don't make many swoopy hardtops and convertibles. The majority of collectors of tomorrow must choose between a sporty coupe, a family sedan, or the old family station wagon which has now morphed into SUV's, vans, and crossovers. Of course, there will probably always be pickup trucks, and very desirable models are being restored and collected today.

Back to economics: if collectors all desire the great cars of the past, the prices will keep going up. Look at the auto auctions now being shown on TV. If they are legitimate, the prices now being paid for those Classics and super powered sport coupes have eliminated much of the middle class which built and supported the automobile collecting hobby we see today. Many of those cars will seldom ever be driven on the crowded highways. Most will probably wind up in private collections or museums as a tax write-off.

SELL AND SWAP

For Sale: 1960 Cushman Eagle, restored, turquoise paint, rebuilt engine, electric start. \$5800.00 Call Jack Myers, 269 344-2624

For Sale: 1971 Monte Carlo, good daily driver, 350 cu. in., 2-barrel, mileage unknown. Asking \$5800.00. Looks and drives nice. Cal 269 214-8271

For Sale: 24 Chrysler vehicles. Some restored, some for parts or restoration. Call T.W. Lane for information. 269 344-5555

For Sale: 1962 Dodge Lancer 770 Station Wagon With Parts. \$5500.00. T.W. Lane 269 344-5555

For Sale: 1941 Buick Special convert., original, but repainted. \$26,500.00 T.W. Lane 269 344-5555

For Sale: 1963 Buick Riviera. 445 / 401 engine. Gold with white, mostly original interior. Good driver or could be restored to show condition. 75,000 miles showing on the odometer. Owned, garage kept and not driven in snow the past 10 years. Asking \$9,000. Contact Stan Bowers, 269-760-6292 email cbsb1963@gmail.com

For Sale: 1989 Chrysler TC by Maserati 2.2 L Automatic. Royal Cabernet & Ginger. Approx. less than 50,000 miles, odometer stopped working 4 years ago at 42,000 miles, car is driven just over 1,000 miles a season. Very good driver. Cold a/c has been converted. Hard top, excellent black soft top, tool kit, umbrella and hard top stand (when off the car). Car was in a large private collection for 12 years prior to our purchase 5 years ago. Loss of garage space reason for selling. Asking \$3,000 E-mail pictures up on request. Contact Stan Bowers at 269-760-6292 / Email cbsb1963@gmail.com Located in Kalamazoo.

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

For Sale: I still have my 1931 Chevrolet 2 Dr. Sedan, Many new and used parts - new upholstery, two (2) bodies, two (2) sets of bumpers. Ken Maxam, 269 330-5362

For Sale: 1953 MG TD Roadster, project, good body, 95% complete, clear title. \$4,500. Dan 269 330-9407

For Sale: Pickup load of 1929 Model A Parts, front fenders, pair of splash aprons, pair of bumpers, more. Doug McFarlen 269 345-5667

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 Kayse 344-0470

For Sale: 1965 Imperial 4 Dr. Hardtop, one of only 2,100 made. 413 engine. \$4,000.00. 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: 1953 Studebaker-- Contact Bob Spears at 313-846-6615.

For Sale: 2005 Mercury Grand Marquis 4 Dr., 80,000 miles, Florida car, well maintained, fantastic shape. \$8,688.00. Trades welcome. T.W. Lane 269 344-5555

For Sale: 2006 Mercury Milan Premier, Florida car, low, low 36,000 miles, one owner, you can't find them like this! \$10,950. T.W. Lane 269 344-5555

For Sale: 1992 Jaguar XJ Sovereign 4Dr., 6 cylinder, Brooklands Green, Barley leather interior, 67,000 original miles, original paint, interior, engine, trans., Gold Key Lease from new, not driven in winter or bad weather. \$8,100. Trades welcome. T.W. Lane 269 344-5555

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