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1926 Rolls-Royce at 2015 Mad Dogs and Englishmen Show

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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: CLUB PICNIC JULY 21 (REGULAR MEETING NIGHT) AT THE GILMORE CAR MUSEUM. BRING A DISH TO PASS. ARRIVE AT FIVE, DINE AT SIX. BRING CANNED GOODS FOR DONATION

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

- **This note** arrived in my email, sent by Dale Wells. It notes the Dust-Off Reunion will be held at the Auggie Noe farm near Constantine on July 19th.

*The Three Rivers Classic & Antique Restorers Club invites area clubs and collectors to a Tribute to Auggie and Helen Noe who sponsored the original Dust-Off at their farm for many years before Auggie died. Beginning at 1:00 pm, Sunday afternoon, July 19th, car collectors and friends, are invited to drive their cars to the Reunion for fun, fellowship, and to thank Helen for hosting this get-together. The farm is at 63638 Constantine Road, about 5 miles south of Three Rivers. Constantine Road runs parallel to south US 131 on the East side of the highway. **Nice weather only. If it rains, no reunion.***

Intercepted Email Regarding Red Barn Spectacular

From: Joshua A Mcpartlin <joshua.a.mcpartlin@wmich.edu>

To: William Binning <wbinning@gmail.com>, fred sitkins <fred.sitkins@wmich.edu>

Fred and Bill,

I just got confirmation from the Marketing Team here at ROUSH that I will indeed have a 2015 ROUSH RS3 Mustang for the August 1st show. I will communicate with you a week before the event to discuss what time and where I need to go. If its the same place as last year that will be easy enough.

Thanks,

Joshua McPartlin

COVER PHOTO; 1926 Rolls-Royce captured by Steve Turner at the Mad Dogs and Englishmen show at Gilmore Car Museum.

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 2015 KAARC MEETING

The June meeting was called to order by Jim Holland at 7:00 p.m.;

GUEST: Jim Luikens

CORRESPONDENCE: Portage Public Library looking for a few cars for an event.

MINUTES OF MAY MEETING: Approved as written in the Arc & Spark

TREASURERS REPORT – Deferred to the July meeting as Gary Hawkins was out of town.

PAST ACTIVITIES

Lane Automotive Car Show. Growing every year. Sibella expressed her pleasure at attending the show

Doug and Joan McFarlen attended the Model T National Show in Richmond, Indiana. They went on a 7 hour tour as the support vehicle. The banquet was held in old car dealership/Model T Museum. Age of the group ranged from the 20s to 90s.

Gilmore Motorcycle Show. Very soggy day. Good swap meet area. Lack of the old motorcycles.

Hot Rod Power Tour. John Lacko accompanied Jeff Fink on this year's tour. They toured the leg from Madison Wisconsin to Champaign, Illinois. Among other things, they saw a 1955 Chevy school bus with modern drive train and a Yugo Blown Hemi.

John Lacko also reported on his attendance at several vintage racing venues including Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Road America, East of the Rockies. and the Cam Am Series at Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin

Bob Packer traveled to California to look at a 1941 Pickup that had eluded him on eBay. It was sold in Wisconsin to a gentleman from Napa Valley CA. Soon after the purchase the guy wanted to sell it. Bob flew out to see it and was disappointed to find that it was a truck that photographed well, but looked quite rough up close. Needless to say, he passed. .

Vicksburg Car Show. T.W. Lane attended and reported that it was good show that got off to a late start because the weather was not good early in the morning.

Model T Driving School. Good turnout at the Gilmore Car Museum.

UPCOMING EVENTS;

June – Charlton Park Hastings.

July – Bob Packer 4th Party 12:30 cocktails. 1 lunch. 4 driver meeting.

July – Mad Dogs and Englishman. 25 year. July 11-12

July – German Car Show.

July 21 KAARC Picnic – Gilmore Car Museum. Board members will serve. Arrive at 5. Eat at 6:00 – Bring a dish and your own serving set. Can goods.

IOLA July 9-11

OLD BUSINESS

Stan Rakowski – Archives status They are at Western Michigan University. 2 months to get organized. When things are established, we should send every printed material to the library of WMU

NEW BUSINESS;

We need monthly speaker suggestions. Help out with someone to speak

Arc & Spark Stories : John is always looking for stories

Rich Salvaggio– Winter Swap Meet. No updates.

Winter Banquet – Ted is looking into another place to have the banquet. Any suggestions please send them his way. He will be looking at a few places and come back to the general membership.

Color Tour – Jeremy Page-Wood looking for suggestions

Over nighter – Ken Maxam - budget

RBS - meeting June 25 6:00 Main St Pub

DRAWING WINNER: Rich Salvaggio

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50.

SPEAKER: Jim Luikens, the first Performance Manager at Berger Chevrolet in Grand Rapids gave an interesting and colorful presentation on his tenure at Berger. His talk included many vintage photos of Berger-sponsored Chevy race cars. He mentioned that Berger was likely one of the first Chevrolet dealers to focus on the sales and service of high performance vehicles and that what started out as a Chevy only speed center gradually evolved into a full service speed shop offering high performance accessories for all makes.

TIME AND CHANGE

By Steve Turner

Since it had been a number of years since last we had toured the R. E. Olds Transportation Museum, we decided to drive to Lansing this week to see what changes had taken place there. We arrived just before the doors opened at 10 am so we parked as the only vehicle in the lot. After snapping a picture of the Michigan Historical marker detailing the beginnings of the automobile empire(s) created by Mr. Olds, we headed inside where we were greeted by the 2 staff on hand. After chatting a bit with them about our affiliation with the Gilmore Museum and offering to trade some of their brochures for those from the Gilmore we paid our admission and entered the exhibit area.

It was immediately apparent that the museum had enhanced its displays, expanded its scope by the addition of many more items and extended its floor space since our last visit. There were yellow arrows guiding the visitor through the museum and if followed recounted not only the history of Oldsmobile plus Reo and R. E. Olds but also other significant industrial concerns that formed the industrial base of Lansing over the years.

The first section of the museum had a number of items from the home of the Olds family as well as some of the earliest devices invented by Mr. Olds, including early gas and steam engines. Next up were examples of the earliest automobiles including, of course the curved dash Olds but also an 1883-87 steam carriage, an 1897 High Wheeler powered by a gasoline engine as well as an 1899 Olds electric. A placard described how Mr. Olds spent a number of years experimenting with steam, electricity and gasoline engines before settling on the gasoline engine as the means of propelling his Curved Dash vehicle.

One wonderful display contained a blue 1906 Reo as well as an exact copy, named the Baby Reo. We were informed that the small version, fully operational and intended to be sold for a child's pleasure, cost twice what the adult version did (\$3000)!

There were a number of later models of both Oldsmobiles and Reos including a 1911 fire engine red Reo model H, a 1927 barn find Reo Wolverine, a 1930 Viking (kid brother of the Oldsmobile like the LaSalle was to the Cadillac). Placed around the automobiles were a number of interesting displays including a wall upon which hung a short history of the stop sign from the earliest versions, several depictions of period scenes as well as whole corners devoted to some of the other major players in Lansing business history. One that caught our attention was of the numerous types of gasoline engine devices produced by Reo over the years including lawn mowers, rototillers and a Reo Troll About with which a fisherman could make his rowboat into a motorized unit. We also learned that in 1950 Reo was the largest manufacturer of power lawn mowers.

Several other vehicles deserve mention such as one of the very few existing GM EV-1 electric cars, a 1953 Rocket 88 NASCAR racer which touted the hot rod successes of those cars and a row of 30's-40's Oldsmobiles lined up as though parking on Main Street USA.

All told there were approximately 55 cars on display at any one time and we were assured that the displays were changed from time to time so as to share more of their entire collection. While not a huge exhibition, it was both rewarding and enlightening to view the positive changes wrought in the museum since our last visit. It is no longer just a bunch of old cars taking up space but rather a good attempt to share the history of a man and his ideas as well as the contributions of other business persons who created the fabric of Lansing industrial might. Well worth the short drive to experience!



BUCKET LIST CHECK-OFF

By Steve Turner

Is a trip to Nashville on your bucket list? How about cruising on Rte. 66? Well, it just so happens both items could be checked off by simply driving to a car show here in Michigan! To be honest neither Nashville, TN nor the true Mother Road are found in Michigan but there is a Nashville in this state as well as a highway numbered 66. And we did travel on M-66 to this state's Nashville to attend a very fine car show recently.

Like Otsego, this town was able to block off Main Street which happens to be M-66 so as to allow participants to fill all the parking spaces as well as several of the side streets. The show was well attended, setting a new record for registrations. As with many area shows a wide variety of entrants was on hand ranging from those from the 20's up to present day rides.

Acknowledging my obvious predilection for cars presented as manufactured here are some of the ones I found lining the streets of Nashville: a 1930 Model A, a beautifully restored 1934 Chevrolet 4 dr. sedan, a nice 1939 Ford pick-up, a 1936 Chevrolet Town Sedan, a 1947 huge Buffalo flatbed truck, a 1955 Chrysler Windsor, a 1957 Isetta (not clad in factory correct paint but otherwise stock), a super nice 1957 Chevrolet, a long and strong 1957 Buick Super Riviera, a pretty turquoise and white Edsel and a 1963 Chevy II convertible.

Among the 'not from the factory crowd' were a red VW Bug converted from rear to front drive and powered by a Chevy engine, a 1939-40 Packard that appeared all original until one peeked inside and a 1930 Chevrolet sedan that also seemed period correct until you saw the modern interior and drive train.

For a small town, small car show this one had much to offer including good rock 'n roll music (not super loud), plenty of places to find eats, a small craft show, a library book sale plus a dry, sunny day in which to enjoy it all!



ON THE ROAD TO RED BARN SPECTACULAR

Just around the next turn, the show is coming into view... A couple of weeks away... hopefully we won't have to be using our wipers!!! Or having the tops up...

Volunteers:

Larry and Karen Tutt have volunteered to be the "Volunteer Coordinators" this year. Located at the Main tent (Drivers Choice Tent). Please sign in and out with them. They will have the traffic vests and be able to coordinate and adjust our work positions.

Judges:

Judging meeting is at 10:30 at the Judge area tent. Judging starts at 11:00. Chris Welborn is revamping the Judge sheets. So if you have input, please contact him. We need more Judges!!! Not having enough judges is like having a missing spark plug... The whole show sputters!!! The goal is 30 judges. It is not hard and just think, you get to be up close and personal with some great cars...

And remember to please keep shamelessly talking up the show. There is no better advertising than word of mouth. Passing out flyers, emailing or sending someone to the website. Have you visited www.kaarc.org We have some cool stuff there and we want to add more!

Volunteer Tee shirts – Can't find yours or it was turned into shop rags... Contact Kalli Inman. At this point you will have to beg and plead, for it maybe too late to get an order in!!

There are some great surprises in store at the RBS this year. The Military display is back... Several car clubs, The WMU Students, The high wheelers and bicycles parade, and much more... The vendor area is selling quickly. Over 100 spaces presold.

Chairpersons;

Larry and Karen Tutt – Volunteer Coord.
Gary Willoughby – Radio Advertising
Will Pugsley - Sponsors
Sibella - Information booth - Door Prizes
Bob Packer - Cars For Sale
Doug McFarlen & Family - Vendor Area
Ken Maxam - Judge Show Registration
Head Judge - Chris Welborn
David Lyon - Trophies
Kalli Inman - Vote Tallying
Eric McLeod - Judge Show Parking
John Lacko - Drivers Choice Parking
Pete Knibloe - Boats at the Barns
Jerry Anderson - Drivers choice Registration
Jim Holland - Traffic flow - Show Chairman

We are down to the last few miles!! Lots to do!!! The grass is green, the cars are out... It promises to be one of our best shows... Our 35th year, we can be proud of that... Right now, the absolute best thing you can do for the club is to promote the show!!! Red Barns Spectacular - August 1st... Always the First Saturday in August.

SELL AND SWAP

For Sale: 1997 Chevy S-10 pickup, deluxe package, 79,000 miles, stored last two years. Call Ted McFarlen

For Sale: 1959 Cushman Eagle motor scooter, Restored. Asking \$3,500.00 Cash. Rich Salvaggio, 269 381-0510

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: 1948 -53 Dodge truck right and left doors and hood. Good shape. Will fit pickups up through 3-ton conventional. \$125.00 for all. John McLellan 269 580-2770

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. Call 269 214-8271

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: 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: 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

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: 1959 Ford Sunliner convertible; T.W. Lane 269 344-5555.

For Sale: 1956 Chevy Bel Air 2 Dr. Hardtop. T.W. Lane 269 344-5555

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