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*John Lacko Photography*

### ***1941 Packard 120 Station Wagon***

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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:**

Detroit Auto Show Bus Trip, Thursday, January 19, 2017-- Cost \$50

Auto Rama Bus Trip, Saturday, February 25, 2017-- Cost \$60

We still have openings for both of these trips. If you are interested please contact Fred Bierlein at 269-806-1430 [bierleins@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bierleins@sbcglobal.net). If you have signed up but not paid, please bring your payment to the January Meeting.

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.

WINTER BANQUET JANUARY 21, 2017 (See related article on page 5)

WINTER SWAP MEET, FEBRUARY 4-5, 2017 AT KALAMAZOO COUNTY EXPO CENTER. CHECK THE ENCLOSED ROSTER AND HELP US MAKE THIS MEET AN EXCEPTIONAL ONE!

DUES ARE DUE. New Membership Registrar reminds all members that Club Dues must be paid by March 1, 2017. They can be mailed to Karen at 39463 C.R. 653, Paw Paw, MI 49079.

COVER CAR 1941 Packard 120 Station Wagon at Colorado's Gateway Museum. Photo by John Lacko

**WESTNEDGE RIDGE AND KRAMER (FEDERATED) OFFERS A 10% DISCOUNT TO KAARC MEMBERS.**

# MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2016 KAARC MEETING

The December KAARC Christmas Pot Luck and a short meeting were held on December 20. Gary and Donna Willoughby and their crew presented us with a splendid repast and no one went away hungry.

The short meeting consisted of brief comments by Stan Rakowski regarding the Winter Swap Meet roster which will be included with the January Arc & Spark.

Rich Rakow reminded everyone of the Winter Banquet to be held at the Fetzer Business Center at WMU on January 21.

Fred Bierlein briefly outlined the itineraries for the upcoming bus trips to NAIAS and the Detroit AutoRama.

Ballots were passed out for election of new officers for 2017. The results:

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## GILMORE SPEAKER SERIES

**Fred Colgren and Jay Follis have announced the participants in the upcoming 2017 Speaker Series which will begin on January 15. Admission is \$5.00 for each lecture, or free with the regular museum admission.**

**January 15, 2017**

“A Brush with History”

Rick Herter, Aviation Artist and Historian

**January 22, 2017**

“The Dust Bowl”

John Burton and Robin Nott, Educators and Historians

**January 29, 2017**

“Edsel Ford and the Lincoln Automobile”

Don LaCombe, Automotive Historian

**February 5, 2017**

“Crazy, Weird, Unique, and Unusual Highway Signs”

John S. Geisler, Ed.D. – Historian

**February 12, 2017**

“The Golden Age of Sports Cars in Motion”

John Lacko, Vintage Racing and Motorsports Photo Journalist

**February 19, 2017**

“The Most Dominating Victory in the History of the Daytona International Speedway”

Jim Luikens, Author and Historian

**February 26, 2017**

“The Most Dangerous Man Alive In 1929: Fred 'Killer' Burke”

Chriss Lyon, Author and Historian

**March 5, 2017**

“Mackinac Island and Grand Hotel History”

Bob Tagatz, Resident Historian, Grand Hotel

**March 12, 2017**

“QUICK SAND: Speed Is Born”

William Hentges, Automobile/Aviation Button Collector and Author

**March 19, 2017**

“Around Nova Scotia by Locomobile”

David Lyon, Author and Historian

**March 26, 2017**

“Lincoln Carrera Pan-American Racing of the Early 1950s: The Ray Crawford Story”

Andrew Layton, Racing Historian and Author

**April 9, 2017**

“Vintage Views of Michigan Roadside Attractions”

Christine Byron and Tom Wilson,

Authors of the "Vintage Views" Series

**April 23, 2017**

“Studebaker, Packard, Nash, and Hudson: How They Started and Where They Went”

Russell Dore, Author and Historian

**April 30, 2017**

“The Amazing Adventures of the

Abernathy Brothers”

Rick Cahow and Robin Nott, Educators and Historians

# ON THE ROAD WITH THE LACKOS:

John and Nancy Lacko visited two museums on their way to Temecula, California. The first stop was at the Museum of Speed in Lincoln, Nebraska where John shot the Blood Brothers' Cornelian, racer, a beautiful 1935 Miller-Ford race car and Ed "Big Daddy" Roth's "Beatnik Bandit" hot rod custom. Then, in Colorado, they stopped to visit the Gateway Auto Museum where John photographed the '53 Cunningham C-3, an elegant 1941 Packard 120 station wagon (on the cover) and Harley Earl's '54 Olds sports car prototype.



## **GILMORE MUSEUM HIRES NEW DIRECTOR**

The Gilmore Car Museum, near Kalamazoo, MI, announces the appointment of Chris Shires to the position of Executive Director effective January 2, 2017. He replaces long-time Director Michael Spezia who will retire on February 15, 2017.

“I’m very confident in turning the Gilmore Car Museum over to Chris,” stated outgoing Director Michael Spezia. “His strong museum qualifications, experience, and desire to share history with the community will serve the future of the Museum well.”

Mr. Shires was previously director of the Holland Museum and before coming to Holland, he worked at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores.

## **GILMORE STUDENTS TO COMPETE IN 2017 GREAT AMERICAN RACE**

Gilmore Car Museum Director of Education Fred Colgren recently announced that a team of high school students from the Museum’s Gilmore Garage Works, an after-school program that provides hands-on involvement with maintaining and restoring vintage cars, will run in the 2017 Great Race. Unlike the name implies, it’s not about high speed racing but an endurance rally where following precise instructions and arriving on time each day are key.

Scheduled to begin on June 24, 2017, and with an announced purse of \$150,000 – \$50,000 of which goes to the overall winner once again – the Great Race will start in Jacksonville, Florida, and then head in a general northwesterly direction through Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana and Michigan, where it will finish in Traverse City on July 2, coinciding with the city’s Cherry Festival. As has become a Great Race tradition, teams will be able to see many of the route’s notable natural and man-made attractions, though as of this writing the daily lunch and overnight city stops, as well as points of interest, have yet to be finalized.

“We are pleased to be working with the City of Jacksonville and the Historic Springfield Main Street Cruise to bring the Great Race to Jacksonville for the start in 2017. There are more than 450 people just in our entourage from all around the world, and they will be spending four and five days in Jacksonville before the start of the race getting ready for their 9-day, 2,100-mile adventure,” event director Jeff Stumb said.

First run in 1983, the Hemmings Motor News Great Race presented by Hagerty is arguably the quintessential time/distance/endurance rally open to all 1972 and older collectible cars and trucks. Based on experience, team entries compete in five divisions: Grand Champion, Expert, Sportsman, Rookie and X-Cup divisions, the latter reserved for college and high school teams.



# **ANNUAL KAARC WINTER BANQUET JANUARY 21, 2017**

The **KAARC Annual Winter Banquet** will be on Saturday, 21 January 2017 at the Fetzer Center. The bar will be open from 6-6:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30p.m. Appetizers, salad, main course, desert, coffee, tea and soft drinks will be offered. The main courses will be roasted sliced sirloin or champagne chicken.

Your cost is only \$10 per person because our Club is paying over \$20.50 per person for us to cover the total price of over \$30.50 per person. You have worked hard this past year to earn money for the Club and this is one of the rewards for your efforts and membership. Don't miss this opportunity for fellowship and a great deal!

The Fetzer Center is located at 2350 Business Court, Kalamazoo, 49008. The phone number is 387-3232. Detailed directions will be available at our December meeting.

Following dinner, awards will be presented and a drawing for gifts will be held. The gifts will be items you can use for detailing and maintaining your cars. Since these gifts will be more expensive than in the past, there will be one gift per couple.

**If you have not yet signed-up for this event or have signed-up, but not yet paid, you may call me and/or send a check made payable to KAARC for \$10 per person to:**

**Richard Rakow  
8344 N. 17th St.  
Kalamazoo, MI 49009  
(269) 382-5875**

# CELERY CITY LICENSE PLATE TOPPERS

*Update from Steve Turner*

Hello there; This is to inform you that I have now tacked down a source for the polishing of the plaques. I spoke with the guy and he quoted a price of \$4.50/per, making the total for polished plaques \$29.50. I then spoke with Jay at Cooper Foundry and he said there would be a 2(?) week turnaround on the production. He requested that at the time of ordering them we submit 50% of total cost. Thus the 'good' news for you purchasing one is that I need \$12.50 for each plaque you order. Please send check to Steve Turner at 21612 Uldriks Dr. Battle Creek, MI 49017. As soon as I have the 50% I'll turn that in to Jay at Cooper and the process will begin. If you want an unpolished one please let me know so I can tell the polisher how many he will be receiving. Thanks! Any questions please respond via snail mail or email. Steve T.

Hello again; I am forwarding a suggestion from Rich Salvaggio so that you can give me feedback about some alterations he could make to the Kalamazoo Celery City plaques. Please let me know your thoughts!  
Steve;

I noticed that the Mounting Tabs on the prototype are too far apart to fit a modern license plate. If you like, I could temporarily modify the original and add some tabs (JB Weld) in the correct location so the pattern will have tabs where they need to be, thus, our new ones will bolt right on without making an adapter piece or drilling through the topper. I could also modify the new one you had cast instead and the foundry can use that as a pattern. Let me know what you think.

Thanks!!  
Rich

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 19, 2017** - KAARC Bus Trip to North American International Auto Show, Cobo, Detroit

**January 21, 2017** - KAARC Winter Banquet, Fetzer Center, WMU

**February 4-5, 2017** - 54th Annual Winter Swap Meet, Kalamazoo Expo Center, Lake Street

**February 25, 2017** - Bus Trip to Detroit Autorama, Cobo Center, Detroit

**March 1, 2017** - LAST DAY TO PAY KAARC ANNUAL DUES

**June 24, 2017** - Great American Race

## SELL AND SWAP

**FOR SALE:** 1986 Jeep Cherokee, 4dr, V6 5-speed, new tires, frakes, clutch and hydraulic system. West coast car, NO RUST. Call Doug McFarlen, 269 345-5667

**FOR SALE:** 1962 Chevy 283, 195 h.p., with 2-spd Powerglide, \$375. 1955 Chevy 265, complete, \$300. Ken Maxam 269 330-5362

**FOR SALE:** 272 c.i. Ford engine, \$300. Stan Rakowski 375-3669

**FOR SALE:** Chassis Engineering Front Crossmember Kit for 1935-40 Ford. Still in box, \$300. Larry 269-434-6955

**FOR SALE:** 1966 Rambler Classic 4 door, gold and white, 36-37,000 miles, mostly original, extra parts. \$3,500. Call Steve 269-355-4951

**FOR SALE:** 1962 Ford Galaxie, complete exhaust system for 292 V8. Richard Craven 375-3983

**FOR SALE:** 1962-63 Ford Falcon parts. Very reasonable Steve Turner 269 965-4247

**FOR SALE:** 1929-30 Chevy script headlight lenses (2). Asking \$40. Bill Binning, 269 501-1895

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