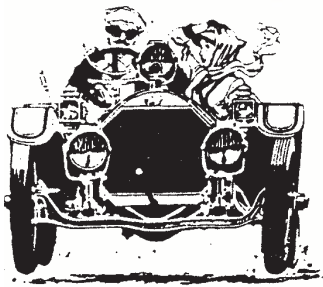


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THE KAARC MEETS AT 7:00 PM THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 2122 BRONSON BLVD., KALAMAZOO, MI except for the JUNE meeting/club picnic which is held at the Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI.

CLUB NOTES

DETROIT AUTO SHOW BUS TRIP, THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2019

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 . Cost is \$50 per person for members and non-members which, includes admission and transportation.

AUTORAMA BUS TRIP, SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2019

Schedule---Same as above. Cost is \$60 per person for members and non-members which, includes admission and transportation.

If you are interested contact Fred Bierlein at 269-806-1430 bierleins@sbcglobal.net or Don Gladstone at 269-352-2072 jadekazoo@aol.com . Mail your check made out to KAARC to Fred Bierlein, 5189 Fountain Square Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49009

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JANUARY 2019 ISSUE: JANUARY 3, 2019

NOVEMBER 2018 KAARC MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by president Bill Binning with 37 present. New member Kevin Fleck was introduced and he spoke about his collection which includes a '31 Ford Model A roadster, 1922 Maxwell, 1913 Cole touring, 1951 Nash convertible and his latest addition the 1923 Cole coupe currently on display at the Gilmore Museum.

A moment of silence was then given for member Don Hixson who passed away 11-9-18.

The secretary's report was approved as written in the Arc & Spark.

The treasurer's report, including some expenses plus a small deposit, leaving a healthy balance, was approved as reported.

Old Business:

The membership was reminded of the December Christmas potluck 12-18-18. The set-up crew is asked to report at 4 pm and the doors open at 5 pm. Dinner is set for 6 pm. Loaves & Fishes food drive reminder was given. The election of officers will be held after dinner. Staff and students from Glen Oaks C.C. and Van Buren VocTech Center will be present to accept club tool donations for some enrollees. As a reminder, the Tutts asked for help setting up and preparation of food.

Nominations:

President; no one was nominated

Vice President: James Larsen

Board Members; Steve Inman, Ryan Hawkins

Secretary; Steve Turner

Treasurer; Gary Hawkins

Nominations were closed for this month.

Scott Wolf reported that vendor registrations are pouring in and he feels that we'll have another good showing. The dates are 2-2 and 2-3. Sign up now for a stint at a job assignment!

Jim Holland spoke about the need to get started with Red Barns planning including featured car, flyer etc. There will be a Red Barns meeting 11-28-18 at 6 pm at the Main Street Pub on Gull Rd.

New Business:

The annual Winter banquet will be again at the WMU Fetzer Center on Saturday 1-12-19 at 6 pm. Please send reservations(\$10/per person) to Steve Turner.

Don Gladstone reported on upcoming bus tours

including to the Detroit Auto Show 1-24-19. The bus will load at 6:45 am at S. Westnedge Meijers parking lot. Cost is \$50/each including admission to the show. The Autorama bus trip is scheduled for 3-2-19 and the cost is \$60 each.

Past Events:

The Color Tour was popular and successful with only a few glitches(people taking the wrong turn etc.) The party encountered some rain but the lunch was good. Ryan Hawkins reported on the MCACN car show in Rosemont, IL on 11-17&18, stating there were some 500 vehicles and the admission was \$25-30.

Mention was made of a movie being made in Kalamazoo where some old cars were wanted as background.

The library at the Gilmore Museum will be holding a sale 1-24-18 from 9-4.

Circus Maximus toy show will be 11-25 at the Kalamazoo Expo Center.

The Gilmore Museum main gallery is now home to over 30 Duesenbergs including the Mormon Meteor race car which was started up at the opening of the event. A must see for any gear head!

Tips & Plugs:

The library at the Gilmore Museum received a huge donation of literature from a long time KAARC swap meet vendor. Help is welcome to transport and sort this vast collection. Contact Dick Bowman if interested in helping out.

T.W. Lane and others shared information on Blains located in the former Farm & Fleet store on S. Westnedge where one can find many old car items for sale.

A discussion of where to insure one's old car showed a great variance in cost among some of the better known sources.

An estate auction will be held 12-4-18 held by Stanton Auctioneers. Engine and car parts. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

**KAREN TUTT REMINDS MEMBERS THAT CLUB
DUES ARE DUE AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR!**

THE HEMI IN THE OAK TREE

By John McLellan

In the realm of hot rodding there are likely many stories told of misadventures encountered during the building of a hot rod. This is one such narrative, in which I was one of the characters involved.

My friend Wayne had acquired a chopped '31 Model A coupe body, a refugee from an abandoned hot rod project that got terminated by an ugly divorce. The purchase price of \$10.00 included expert lead work on the body surgery, pleated naugahyde headliner and door panels, and a nice '31 'A' radiator shell.

The body was precariously mounted on an early thirties Chevy frame. We needed a donor car to provide a running gear, and a search began in earnest. No money was the object!

We passed on several early fifties Fords with flatheads, a moldy '48 Chrysler with a flathead six, a free but real skeevy '51 Chevy and a '54 Packard that belonged to an elderly piano teacher.

We finally settled on a '55 DeSoto, primarily because it came with a hemi V8 and a Powerflite automatic. After promising the elderly seller that we would lovingly care for his car, we drove it to Wayne's house and immediately began to dismantle it, removing engine, transmission and rear end in about two hours, with half a socket set and a conveniently available - and soon very dull hatchet. We then hauled the sorry remains of the DeSoto to the wrecking yard, driving right past the old man's house.

With the engine and transmission hanging from a chain fall, suspended from an oak tree, we installed an ancient Horne four-carb intake with four Stromberg 97's. In a moment devoid of common sense, we decided to fire up the engine right there hanging from the tree to see how the intake worked. Not one of our brightest moments as it turned out!

Our fuel source was a large coffee can nailed to the tree to provide gravity feed. The fuel pump was shot, so we plumbed the line from the can directly to the inlet on the fuel log. Another

fateful decision.

I should add that the exhaust manifolds had been removed during the engine pulling phase. With plenty of fuel, a fully charged battery and some haggard battery cables, the stage was set for imminent disaster.

Hot wiring the starter, after a few brisk pumps on the accelerator linkage, caused the engine to turn over quickly, but it would not fire. Three more pumps and another "hit" on the makeshift starter switch brought about a loud "bark" followed by bright yellow flames and several backfires. Wayne offered up the opinion that it could be a might rich. I was about to compliment him on his diagnostic acumen when I realized that I was covered in black soot from the DeSoto's test firing.

One more attempt was being planned when the relative silence was interrupted by the angry, shrill voice of Wayne's neighbor lady who was yelling and shaking her fist at us and pointing at her bed sheets hanging on her clothesline. I was about to compliment her on the dramatic "Holstein" pattern on her sheets when I realized that the black smudges were, in fact, heavy soot deposits belched forth as black, bocci ball-sized puffs from the overfueled hemi!

No stranger to profanity, the neighbor loudly berated us for at least five minutes during which our very masculinity was severely threatened and our parentage was seriously questioned.

Calm eventually returned to the morning, largely due to Wayne's mom, who offered to re-laundry the neighbor's sheets.

The DeSoto was eventually mounted, the car was driven regularly throughout the summer and eventually sold when Wayne got his draft notice from Uncle Sam.

The man who bought the car completely cut off the coupe's roof, making it into a somewhat rough roadster. He then added a crude roll bar, removed the makeshift bench seat and added a vintage race car seat. The car served out its last days as an altered drag racer.

CHRYSLERS ON ICE

A while back, Ted McFarlen texted me with information about a number of 1926 Chryslers that were rescued from the decks of the City of Bangor, an ill-fated Great Lakes freighter that ran aground in Lake Superior. Quite a story! Here is an excerpt courtesy of mlive.com

KEWEENAW POINT, MI - With debris from thousands of shipwrecks littering the bottom of Lake Superior, the November 1926 stranding of the City of Bangor might have been chalked up to just another freighter that foundered in a blinding snowstorm along the shore of the Upper Peninsula.

But what cements the Bangor in Great Lakes lore isn't the wreck itself - it's the epic, months-long effort to recover about 230 brand new Chrysler cars that were on the ship's deck and parked below when it grounded near Keweenaw Point. The rows of shiny sedans were bound from Detroit to Duluth, Minn. when the cargo carrier went up on the rocks, its battered hull making it a total loss.

The recovery effort was undertaken during the worst months of winter, on the state's northernmost peninsula. Snow was hip-high in spots, and access was a big obstacle.

Workers had to wait for the lake to freeze around the ship so they could reach the vehicles. Cars still fastened to the deck had to be hacked out of 4 to 10 feet of ice that encased the ship. There were no plowed roads on that end of the peninsula. So once freed, the cars were driven along the shore and around the peninsula to Copper Harbor.

All this so the line of Chryslers eventually could be driven to the train station in Calumet and loaded into boxcars for the long trip back to Detroit.

"They needed to get them back, get them refurbished, get them back to the dealers," said Mark Rowe, trustee and maritime chairman of the Keweenaw County Historical Society. Rowe, a scuba diver, does presentations on the area's shipwrecks, including the Bangor.



DUES ARE DUE

Karen Tutt wishes to remind everyone that 2019 Club Membership Dues are now due. Checks can be mailed to her at:

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UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

DECEMBER 18, 2018

Club Christmas Party and 2019 Officer Elections

DECEMBER 25 (TUESDAY)

Christmas Day – Museum CLOSED ALL-DAY

DECEMBER 31 (MONDAY)

New Year's Eve Celebration!

Dec 31 2018 @ 9:00 pm – Jan 1 2019 @ 1:00 am Gilmore Car Museum

5, 4, 3, 2, 1.....Happy New Year! Ring in the New Year at the Gilmore Car Museum! Semi-formal attire required, this classy event will feature an evening of fun and frivolity complete with a wide selection of refreshments.

JANUARY 12, 2019 (SATURDAY)

KAARC Winter Banquet, WMU FETZER CENTER, 6:00 P.M., \$10.00 Per Person. Send checks made out to KAARC to Steve Turner, 21612 N. Uldriks Dr., Battle Creek, MI 49017

JANUARY 24, 2019 (THURSDAY)

North American International Auto Show Bus Trip, Detroit, MI, Board at 6:45 A.M., Depart at 7:00 A.M, from Meijer Gas Station on South Westnedge

FEBRUARY 2 & 3, 2019 (SATURDAY AND SUNDAY)

KAARC Winter Swap Meet, Kalamazoo Expo Center.

MARCH 2, 2019 (SATURDAY)

Detroit Autorama Bus Trip, Same departure location and time schedule as Detroit Auto Show on 1/24

SELL AND SWAP

FOR SALE: 4 original wheels off a 1971 Olds, 5 bolt pattern, need repainting.\$50 OBO.

1981 Lincoln Continental Mark VI. 108,248 miles, 302 V8 TBI. \$1500 or best offer. Steve VanderRoest 269-569-5714 or Fran VanderRoest 269-382-4573.

T.W. Lane has cases of marine Sta-Bil for sale at \$10(24 1 oz. bottles per case) 344-5555.

FOR SALE: 1929 Ford roadster A little rough. \$6750. Dan Kammerman 269-665-7807

FOR SALE: 2011 red Toyota Prius for sale. Excellent shape. 87XXX miles. Newer tires and brakes.50+MPG (except when running 70+ mph, mileage is around 45 MPG). S. Turner 269-965-4247

FOR SALE: '85 Porche 944 Turbo for sale. Clean with some small bubble rust. Located on Douglas Ave. in Kalamazoo. Runs & drives good. \$3000 or best offer. Kevin @ 269-823-5452.

FOR SALE: HEATED WINTER STORAGE IN KALAMAZOO AVAILABLE,

CALL PHIL 269-254-2421

FOR SALE: 1974 Mercedes Benz 240 D, 110,000 miles. \$3,000 or best offer. 1968 MB 280S engine and trans. John Malmstrom 269 303-5523

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FREE: 1968-69 Dodge Charger front bumper lower valance panel, George 908-938-1886

FOR SALE: 1974 Triumph Spitfire 1500, good condition, runs well \$ 5,995. Call Ralph 269-209-7862

FOR SALE: 1984 GMC Short Box PU, Fresh 305, 400 trans \$3,000

1948 Ford F6 Stake Truck, \$1,000 (As Is)

1951 Ford F1 PU, \$1,000 (As Is) Dave Hayes 269-365-1628

FOR SALE: 1927 Model T Sedan, 269 377-7756

FOR SALE: 1978 Corvette Mike Duggan, 269 207-5587

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