

## Typical Calendar Of Annual Events

- January** - The KAARC Winter Banquet is a social event and an opportunity to recognize the service of our members. The banquet is held on the last Saturday in January.
- February** - The KAARC Winter Swap Meet for auto parts and supplies is the largest and oldest swap meet in the midwest held on the first full weekend in February;  
"It ain't no flea market"
- March** - The KAARC March Winds Tour is a bus tour to an automobile related historical site, museum or private automobile collection.
- April** - The KAARC Garage Hop opens the season with a tour in vintage cars to the garages of area automobile enthusiasts.
- May** - The Dust Off is an organized tour to the Mendon Dust Off.
- June** - The KAARC Summer Picnic celebrates the season on the Gilmore Car Museum grounds with an evening of picnic fare, fun and the enjoyment of antique automobiles.
- July** - The July 4th celebration is a traditional picnic and parade.
- August** - The KAARC Red Barns Spectacular, now in its 29th year, is one of the oldest car shows and swap meets in Michigan. It is held the first Saturday of August on the grounds of the Gilmore Car Museum.
- September** - The KAARC Fall Autorama is an automobile related activity that may vary from an overnight tour in vintage cars to a bus tour to an automotive heritage site.
- October** - The KAARC Color Tour is the traditional tour in vintage cars to enjoy the color of the season.
- November** - We nominate the KAARC Officers for the coming fiscal year.
- December** - Christmas Pot Luck Dinner and election of officers for the next fiscal year.

We are now meeting the THIRD Tuesday of the month at the Milwood United Methodist Church, 3919 Portage Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49001. This is 1/2 mile north of I-94, use S.E. entrance. In the months of July and August we meet on the grounds of the Gilmore Classic Car Museum. Time is 7 PM Sharp.

Visit us anytime at [www.kaarc.org](http://www.kaarc.org)

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## KALAMAZOO ANTIQUE AUTO RESTORERS CLUB - A BRIEF HISTORY -

The **Kalamazoo Antique Auto Restorers Club** was organized by John Bailey in 1962 to create a place where enthusiasts could share their interest in, and enjoyment of, antique automobiles. The early meetings were characterized by the exchange of auto parts and restoration tips.

In 1963, the club members organized the first swap meet at the Engle VW Dealership at Crosstown and Vine Streets to assist car restorers in the purchase of antique auto parts, then defined as a car built before 1938. The swap meet also fulfilled a part of the club's mission of preserving the antique automobile. We have carried on this tradition for over 45 years.

In 1967, Norm Knight decided to publish a monthly newsletter, which he named the *Arc & Spark*, to keep members informed about club activities. That newsletter has grown from two mimeographed pages to a two-color periodical with photographs. The *Arc & Spark* has won many "Golden Quill Award's" from *Old Cars Weekly*. Articles about the hobby and automobiling in the newsletter also support the club's mission of preserving the antique automobile.

In 1980, the first Red Barns Spectacular car show and swap meet was organized and held at the Gilmore Car Museum. Once again, the purpose was to fulfill the club's mission of preserving by displaying antique cars and recognizing restorations of quality.



## AN INVITATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE KALAMAZOO ANTIQUE AUTO RESTORERS CLUB

You are invited to join the **Kalamazoo Antique Auto Restorers Club**, a family oriented organization of approximately two hundred family memberships.

The purpose of the club is to encourage the restoration, preservation and enjoyment of antique, veteran and collectable automobiles. The members seek to accomplish these goals by sponsoring three major activities:

**I. The Winter Swap Meet** is a venue for purchasing auto parts and assists the enthusiast in the restoration process.

**II. Publication of the *Arc & Spark* newsletter.** This is your information link to the club's news, activities, meeting minutes, sell and swap area and informative articles written by the membership.

**III. The Red Barns Spectacular** honors restorations of quality and the preservation of antique automobiles.

Building cohesive strength in any organization requires more than just work-projects and the club organizes and sponsors many annual social events. These events are listed on the "typical" calendar in this brochure.