



The Polishing Rag

August 2022

Willmar Car Club

Prez Sez....

Did It Still Have the " Ah-Ohg-Ha " Horn?

The Webster Dictionary defines " connection " as 1) being joined, 2) a part of something being joined, 3) relationship, association, 4) group or people associated together. I think we all could give examples of connections. The dictionary goes on to give six more.

My wife, Wendy, and I were recently on our first bus tour trip. Eight days and a lot of connections. Connections with time scheduled stops, restaurants, and hotels. However, there were other connections made, I am referring to the above 4) definition. A cordless microphone was passed down the rows of seats and we were asked to introduce ourselves and what our interests and hobbies were. There were some car guys in board and connections were made with a Mustang guy, A GTO guy, A '40 Ford guy, and one I was not expecting was with our tour director. After a bit of a visit, we determined her late husband once owned the same 1941 Chevy pick-up I once owned. There were two other owners in-between us.

This is where this months column title comes in. The answer is " yes, it did."

We had good club connections in July. With 23 people at Kathy's Place in Sacred Heart for Car Buff's Breakfast. Some members drove to Danube afterwards to display their car for the Danube Fun Days Car Show.

I was not at the New London Country Stop A&W for the July Cruise Night (bus trip got in the way). I understand it was maybe the most cars ever. It is always a great time for connections.

On the 24th, Willmar Car Club connected with some members from the Hutchinson Club at Cliff and Deb Wilhite's. Our monthly meeting followed a great potluck with 31 attending.

We still have quite a bit of the 2022 car season left, so I would encourage you to make some connections. This month, Car Buff's Breakfast is at Spicer American Legion on Aug. 6, 9:00 am. Also, a date to remember is August 21, our annual Diamond Lake Picnic. 5:00 pm and it will be potluck.

As one of the phone company ad states, "Get connected, stay connected". Happy cruising.

Bob

Willmar Car Club Meeting
July 24, 2022

Willmar Car Club meeting was called to order by President Bob Barr
Secretary's report approved as read.
Treasurers report read and approved subject to audit.
Announcements and up coming events discussed.
Posters for the up coming Root Beer and Rides reviewed and edited.
The October leaf cruise that will follow the breakfast was discussed.

New Business

Club history needs to be updated. Contact Francis
Possible cruise to Mankato discussed.
Motion to Adjourn, Chip, second by Holly.

Respectively submitted,
Linda Mork, Secretary



Volunteers Needed!!

Our Toys for Tots Coordinator is looking for volunteers for Toys for Tots Disc Golf
Tournament (Frisbee). Various times helpful for setup. August 13, 202.

Contact Steve Gralish at 320-212-8467.

Collector cars welcome to be on display during tournament.

Photo Pool of Various Events

By Greg Gjerdingen

Copy these links into your browser to see photos from the July Car Club Breakfast at Kathy's and Danube Fun
Days; then the next link from the July 20th A & W Cruise Night.

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CAR CRUISE - AUGUST 16

We will meet at the New London High School parking lot.

Leave at 2:00 pm

Drive to Osakis for ice cream and a drive by at a Nursing Home

Return to New London via country roads

Stop at A&W in New London about 6:00 to eat.

(Bring a bag lunch if you want)

Call Jay Mork for more information at 320 905 7083

2022 Coming Events

- **August 10-13:** 36th Annual New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run
- **August 13:** Car Show in Paynesville
- **August 13:** Cruzin to The Nest, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Sauk Center, Fund Raiser for Veterans (more information at octaneroad.com/event/mid Minnesota Motorheads)
- **Aug. 17- Country Stop A&W Cruise Night, New London**
- **Aug. 20- Gearheads Car Show, Maple Lake, Mn**
- **August 21:** Pantowners Car Show, St. Cloud
- **August 21:** Willmar Car Club Potluck Picnic, 5:00 p.m., Diamond Lake County Park



Photos from the potluck picnic held at Chip & Deb's

Greg did a great job with photography as always.

Enter this link in your browser to see all the great snaps!

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Be part of the Parade

Willmar Car Club is once again invited to the New London to New Brighton event on Friday, Aug. 12. The brass era cars of the run parade on the streets of New London beginning at 5:00 pm. Our collector cars will follow at the end. The assembly area is close to the entry of Neer Park, watch for the horseless carriages. We have done these many times in past years, a fun time with the old cars and you can have supper in New London if you wish.



Recipe Corner



These were a hit at the picnic!!

Cucumber Salad

4 medium cucumbers, peeled & sliced
1 large onion.
1/2 cup sugar

1 1/2 cup Miracle Whip
2 to 3 Tablespoons vinegar
Salt & pepper

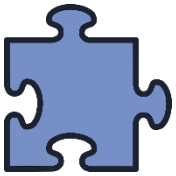
Put cucumbers in a bowl which can be covered tightly. Combine Miracle Whip, sugar, salt and pepper to taste, and just enough vinegar to make dressing pourable but not too thick. Mix cucumbers and onions with dressing; then let stand in refrigerator overnight or longer.

Note: More cucumbers and onions may be added if you have dressing left.

Submitted Rhonda Zitzmann

**NO MATTER THE PRICE
NO MATTER HOW NEW
THE BEST SAFETY DEVICE
IN THE CAR IS YOU.**

Burma Shave



August Car Talk Puzzler

RAY: This Puzzler was inspired by an email from Dave Trayers.

Here it is: A few days ago, I was sitting at a table at a little restaurant. Next to me were two old geezers chatting away.

They were lamenting the state of modern cars. Specifically, the fact that all modern cars have fallen victim to the rules of aerodynamics. As a result, they all look the same. At some point, I lost track of the conversation. When I tuned back into it, I heard one of them say, "Oh, yeah, I miss that, too." The other guy chimes in, "Yes, so do I. I used to look forward to seeing that every year in my car."

The first guy then asks the other, "Have you seen it in your new car?" to which the second guy replies, "No, no way, you're not likely to see it the way I drive either."

The question is: What the heck are they talking about?

July Puzzler and Answer

Rambler's Alternator:

This was sent in by a fellow named Roy Harvey. Roy says, "The year was 1971. The car was a '65 Rambler Classic with power steering, power brakes, automatic transmission, six-cylinder engine, and no air conditioning. In other words, my parents gave me their old car.

"The year and the car aren't important, but there are some cars for which you couldn't have this particular condition. It had about 80,000 miles on it -- and let me tell you they were hard ones.

"I was driving to school. About halfway through a 15-mile trip, the alternator light came on. It was daytime, so the headlights were off. The heat and blower were already off. I turned off the radio, but the light persisted. I began to worry. I then turned on one control on the dashboard -- and it wasn't the ignition. The alternator light went out.

"This told me what the problem was, and I continued on to school without concern. I later fixed the problem with a few simple tools."

Here's a hint: As far as I know -- and I know but Roy didn't know -- this switch actually had no direct electrical connection at all. In other words, it didn't have any wires hooked up to it.

Answer:

RAY: Here's what he did. In -- lots of cars are set up like this -- he moved the heater control valve, which has connected to it at one end a little lever you move ...

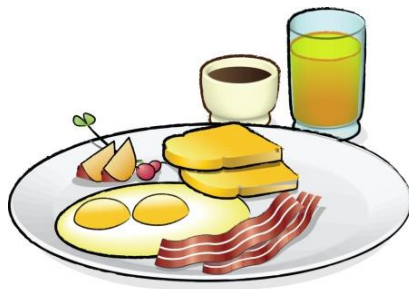
And at the other end, connected by a cable, is a valve which allows water to pass from the engine to the heater. And when he did this, the water pump, which had been causing a slipping belt, all of a sudden had so much less drag on it that the belt, which was slipping and causing the alternator light to come on, went off because now the belt was not slipping because he had reduced the ... the pressure in the flow, just ...

Every week I struggle to come up, and what am I met with? "Bogus"?

UPCOMING BREAKFAST SCHEDULE

September 3 - McMillian's Restaurant

2620 1st Street S. - Willmar



October 8 - Litchfield Eagles

389 CSAH 34 - Litchfield (north of Hwy 12, east of McDonald's)

Fall Leaf Tour follows the breakfast

November 5

McMillian's Restaurant

2620 1st Street S. - Willmar



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