



The Polishing Rag

January 2023

Willmar Car Club

Prez Sez....

Last Month and Next Year

If you remember "Prez Sez" from December, I wrote about a club garage tour from a number of years ago. It was about how our 1966 Dodge Dart was "borrowed" by four of the wives for their own shopping tour. If you didn't read it, it can be found on the club's homepage website (Polishing Rag-Dec. 2022)



After the newsletter went out, I received an e-mail from the driver of the car that day. She wrote that I had forgotten some details, the following are some parts of her message to me. "You didn't mention the look of horror you wore as we left the restaurant. You didn't mention how I saved your car when a motorcycle cut us off, I think, a few blocks from the restaurant. You didn't mention having the window down (on the El Camino) and waving your arm with URGENCY as the ladies approached I-94." All that being said, it turned out to be a really great day. At our Christmas potluck on December 10th, Dick Johnson brought some photos of that day, October 1, 2005. Good memories.

Also, in last month's Polishing Rag, we looked at 2022 in the rearview mirror. I believe we had a club activity to participate in, each month from January thru December. The summer months provided a number of club cruises and potluck meals. Of course, it is also the time of year for a great number of car shows, swap meets, and cruise nights. Wendy and I made it to some new ones, and a couple we have not attended for a few years.

As the new year begins, it is the logical time to look at what we should be focusing on for 2023. From now through April, I would like to compose a list of events and dates. We will print copies for you to refer to throughout summer and fall. This is an idea presented to me by Tim and Rhonda Zitzmann, something the Redwood Club does. All members are encouraged to contribute ideas, and I think this can

Prez says cont'd...

be put together at the next few meetings and perhaps the April Breakfast.

I mentioned December 10th. That was also the club's "Toys for Tots" shopping time before our Christmas potluck. Seven members, and the area Toys for Tots coordinator, Steve Graylish, met at Walmart. We filled three carts, which totaled \$1,019, \$810 of club donations (not taken from club funds) were used. Greg G. felt more donations would be coming in. If we are a bit short, the balance will be covered by generous members.

We had twenty-four attending for the meeting and meal at the Kandiyohi County Historical Society Building. You can read the Dec. minutes if you were not able to be there.

Kicking off 2023 will be the January potluck and meeting. Sunday, January 15th, 1pm-4pm, Kandiyohi County Historical Society Building, 610 highway 71 NE, Willmar.

Happy New Year,
Bob

Willmar Car Club Meeting Minutes December 10, 2022

Call to Order by President Bab Barr.

Care and Share: No cards sent this month.

Secretary's Report approved as read with one correction: Nominated for Secretary: Linda Mork was omitted from November's report.

Treasurers Report approved as read, subject to audit

Announcements: The Toys for Tots shopping brought in \$1,019.00 in toys. A suggestion was made that next year we put the car club name on the carts to show people what we are doing. Dave McFarland brought things to share as did Dick Johnson

Old Business

- Pot luck meeting is January 15 from 1-4
- Club jackets. Jay reported that he is trying to get examples of jackets that can be ordered for the next meeting
- Nate brought up that the suggestion that we change the meeting date means a change to the bylaws and quorum is required to change this. This was tabled until the next meeting in January. Motion made by Bud and second by Jay.
- Greg reported on the Ridgewater Scholarship. Only one applicant
- Jay reported on a note from the Renville County Fair Board on a possible car show during the fair.

Bob called for nominations for club officers. Jay moved white paper ballot, second by Greg. Motion passed. All who were nominated in November we elected by a white paper ballot:

- President: Bob Barr
- Vice President: Jay Mork
- Treasurer: Greg Gjerdingen
- Secretary: Linda Mork
- Board of Directors position: Mike Hartman

Motion to adjourn, Tim, second Nate. Motion passed.

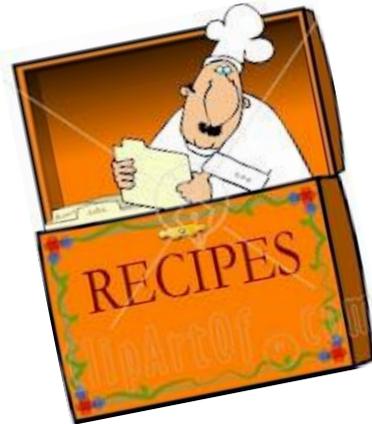
Linda Mork, Secretary



Wanted: Articles, photos, etc. for the newsletter!

Please email items to berdellej@gmail.com

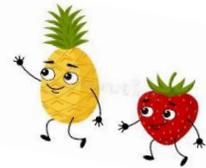
Deadline to submit: 25th day of each month – easy to remember!!



Recipe Corner

Strawberry-Pineapple Coleslaw

2pkg.coleslaw mix
1 jar coleslaw dressing (14-16oz)
1 cup pineapple tidbits (drained)
1 cup (or more) sliced fresh strawberries
1 cup frozen peas (thawed)
1 cup salted cashews
Mix together and add cashews just before serving



Submitted by Wendy Barr

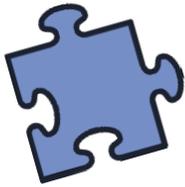
We are going to give the Puzzler a break for a while. I, Bob, will try to come up with a few quizzes to take its place. I would encourage all members to do this too. The Polishing Rag is always in need of contributions. Just e-mail your brain teasers to Berdelle.

The Name is Familiar

1. In 1972 you could buy a Ford Explorer pick-up, in 1954 what manufacturer had an Explorer show car on the circuit?
2. Buick offered a model named Special for a number of years, in 1939 what manufacturer offered a model named Special? How about 1947?
3. AMC had a Sprit in its lineup in 1979, ten years later, who offered a Sprit?
4. We all know Dodge has Challenger, what manufacturer had one in 1964?
5. Buick again, with the Super, what other car builder had one in 1957?
6. Two competing manufacturers offered Sprint models in 1966, who are they?
7. 1954 Nash Metropolitan, 1941 ? Metropolitan.
8. 1969 Dodge Charger Daytona (big wing for NASCAR), in 1963 at Daytona was built by?



Look for the answers in the February issue of the Polishing Rag.



December Car Talk Puzzler with answer

The Little Morris Minor That Could

RAY: The inspiration for this puzzler was sent in by Jerry Olhaver. I've done a little obfuscation and declarification.

The scene is some miles out on Cape Cod. It's late summer of '54, the day after a hurricane had altered the landscape. The hero of our puzzler is a Morris Minor...remember the Morris Minor? It was the great-grandfather of the modern Mini.

Jerry's problem came with the tidal surge on parts of the Cape Cod peninsula caused by the storm.

Yachts and working boats had been swept miles from the marinas, and actually left in fields! Only National Guards trucks and jeeps, big mainland wreckers, and a few rubbernecking cars were moving on the roads.

Every other set of wheels still on the roads looked drowned. They wouldn't start, wouldn't run, and were waiting for a tow truck. It was an uncertain future, too. You never know what's going to happen when your car gets drowned.

Enter our hero, pedaling his bicycle. He spots his Morris Minor, looking as drowned as all the rest. But, at least the four tires are on the pavement. He tries to start the engine unsuccessfully. It cranks, but won't fire up.

He opens the hood and removes the spark plugs. They're soaked with gasoline. He realizes why they're soaked because when he takes the distributor cap off, it's full of water. He realizes that he's done for. Yet, in less than 10 minutes, unaided and using only what he had on his bicycle, and in the trunk of the car, he begins a successful drive across the peninsula.

How did he do it?

Answer:

RAY: What he did, in fact, as he drove his Morris Minor as if it were an electric car. Using the starter motor and the battery, both of which still worked even though they were submerged, he turned the key and actually shifted up through the gears. As he got moving he went from first, to second, to third.

When he came to hills, he would use the opportunity to coast. When he had to go up hills that were difficult, he would downshift where necessary. Considering how big the starter motor and the battery are in this little car, and how small the car is, he was able to drive all the way across the peninsula.

Pretty cute, huh?

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