



# *The Polishing Rag*

February 2023

Willmar Car Club



## *Prez Sez.....*

### **You Might Be a Car Guy If...**

Your change at a store is \$4.09 and you think of a Chevrolet engine. This happened to me and was the inspiration for this writing.

Nosed and Decked does not mean you have been in a fight. They are terms used by customizers since the late 1940's. It means removing emblems front and rear. perhaps body work for a smooth appearance.

Someone says something about a '66 Camaro, and you can't help but correct him, because 1967 was the first model year.

A fifty-one-year-old Mustang Mach 1 is not an old car. It is a muscle car.

When you hear the 1964 song, "Dead Man's Curve", by Jan and Dean, and one of the lines is; "all the Jag could see were my six taillights." You know the Corvette had a custom modification. Stock 'Vettes had four taillights.

You know common car terms from the 1960's. Moons are a type of hub cap. Flippers are a type of wheel covers. (And you know the difference between hub caps and wheel covers.) Smittys are mufflers. A deuce is a 1932 Ford. And blue dots are taillights.

And of course, in February, you are wishing it was May.

A good thing about our second month however, it is the first Car Buff's Breakfast for 2023. We will be at McMillian's in Willmar on Saturday, February 4, 9am. Jay has been heading up the possibility of new club jackets. He will be on hand with samples, pricing, and order forms. Payment is due when ordering and checks should be made out to the vender, Lake Region Buying Group.

Because of February weather, and a light agenda, there will be no February meeting. For March, we are going to try a Thursday evening meal/meeting at Willmar Pizza Ranch – 6 pm in the side meeting room. This is in response to a suggestion from officer/ board of directors meeting a few months ago. At this point we are not changing our official third Friday of the month meeting time, so a by-law change is not necessary. Other clubs are doing a meal/meeting and they have good attendance. Mark your calendar and the March meeting information will also be in next month's newsletter.

*Prez says cont'd...*

We had twenty-three members attend the January 15th potluck/ meeting at the Historical Society Building. Berdelle Enestvedt was awarded the 2022 Member Appreciation Plaque. Also, a thank you to LaNette Bremseth for all of her work with the club website. I'm not sure we would have this newsletter or the website without them.

Keep warm and we all know spring is coming.

Bob

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## Willmar Car Club Meeting Minutes

### January 15, 2023

Call to order by President Bob Barr

Care and Share: Card sent to Mike Kingery

Secretary's Report approved as read

Treasurers Report approved as read subject to audit

#### **Announcements**

- New officers to fill the openings positions
- Membership appreciation award to Berdelle for all the work she is doing for the club
- Thank you cards to Berdelle and LaNette for the newsletter and managing the club web address.
- Thank you to Daryle Haugen for serving on the Board of Directors
- The first winter breakfast at McMillians in Willmar on February 4th and March 4th. Ordering will be off the menu.

#### **Old Business**

- Jacket Samples are here for people to check out and try on. Jay presented the examples and the prices. The jackets will also be at the breakfast in February for members to look at.
- Report on the Renville County Fair possible car show.
- The March 16th meeting will be held at Pizza Ranch in Willmar, starting at 6 p.m.
- Motion to cancel February meeting as the weather is usually not good.
- Country Stop, Root Beer and Rides will be September 16th at 4:00.

#### **New Business**

- Looking for ideas for summer breakfasts, a flyer will be printed when all are confirmed
- Old Iron Garage tour if February 18, leaving from Willmar at 5:30 a.m.
- Greg talked about the membership update. Approximately 100 members at this time

Motion to Adjourn by Tim, seconded by Bud.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Mork, Secretary

**No Meeting in February**

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

Please email items to [berdellej@gmail.com](mailto:berdellej@gmail.com)

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

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## Recipe Corner

### February 14: National Cream Filled Chocolate Day

#### Coconut Creme Chocolates

- 1 jar (7 ounces) marshmallow creme
  - 2-2/3 cups sweetened shredded coconut, toasted
  - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
  - Dash salt
  - 1 milk chocolate candy bar (5 ounces), chopped
  - 1-1/2 teaspoons shortening
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#### Directions

1. In a large bowl, mix marshmallow creme, coconut, vanilla and salt until blended. Refrigerate, covered, at least 1 hour.
2. Shape mixture into 1-in. balls. Place on a waxed paper-lined [baking sheet](#). Refrigerate, covered, at least 3 hours.
3. In a microwave, melt chocolate and shortening; stir until smooth. Dip coconut balls in chocolate; allow excess to drip off. Place on waxed paper; let stand until set.

### January Quiz and Answers 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?

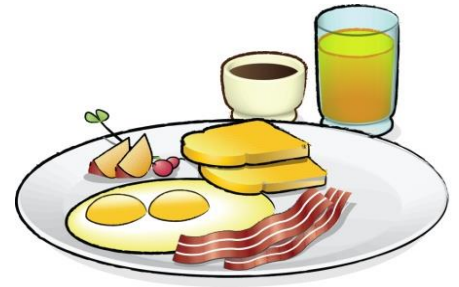
**Answers 1. Plymouth. 2. 1939 Dodge, 1947 Kaiser. 3. Dodge. 4. Studebaker. 5. Nash/Rambler. 6. Pontiac Tempest Sprint, Ford Falcon Sprint. 7. Pontiac. 8. Studebaker (Lark model)**

## **Beware of Suspicious E-Mails**

I have had a report of one scam e-mail from one club member to another in the last weeks of January. I, myself had one of suspicious nature, which I did not open and deleted. So, if something does not seem right, it probably is not. Thanks, Bob

## **First Car Club Breakfast of 2023**

**February 4 – 9 a.m. at McMillian's  
Willmar**



Jay Mork will be there with samples of possible new car club jackets, pricing and order forms. Contact Jay if you are not able to be at the breakfast, but are interested in a jacket.

Also, to be discussed – survey of interest in the Old Iron Garage Tour, Spencer, Iowa on February 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **February Quiz**

### **No Replacement for Displacement**

1. A milestone engine for Chevrolet in 1955 was a V8 with what cubic inch displacement?
2. What was this engine bored out to in 1957?
3. Chrysler offered a 361 c.i., what other manufacturer had their own 361?
4. A Ford could have a 289 in the 1960's, what car may have had its own 289 in the 1950's?
5. What displacement did Ford's 289 grow into for 1968 models?
6. Leaning "tower of power" was available w/ 225 c.i. (most popular size), what was this engine and who manufactured it?
7. In 1966, a 230 c.i. overhead cam six cylinder was offered by what American manufacturer?
8. Corvette was introduced in 1953, what was its engine known as?
9. In 1961, what was Chevrolet's 348 enlarged to?
10. Three American manufactures produced engines with 327 cubic inches, who were they?



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