



Willmar Car Club

The Polishing Rag

June 2023



Prez Sez....

On the Road Again...

Willie Nelson's recording of "On the Road Again" is a great song for this time of the year. A part of the lyrics is, "On the road again. Just can't wait to get on the road again. The life I love is making music with my friends. And I can't wait to get back on the road again."

I worked as a carpenter when this was popular, and we had our own version of the song when shingling. "On the roof again. Just can't wait to get off this roof again. The work I do is shingling with my friends. And here I am, up on the roof again". Larry Gatlin was popular in the 1980's. We didn't have to change any words to his song, "Next time is gonna be different, I'm going to take somebody with me when I fall".

I know this writing should be about our collector car hobby and not about past work history. Sorry, I help but reminisce when thinking about getting, "On the Road Again".

The weather was not great to have collector cars on the road for the May Car Buffs Breakfast. However, we did have thirty members attend at McMillian's Restaurant. Three of those were new to the club, Ralph and Jan Engel, Spicer. They have a 1977 Lincoln Mark V and a 2007 Lincoln Signature Town Car. They also joined the Lincoln Club and Francis Kalvoda wrote a welcome for that organization's newsletter. I thought it was worth sharing, so it is included in this month's Polishing Rag. Ralph's brother, Lee, also joined the club, his collector car is a 1930 Ford Model A. New members also include Jacob and Whitney Clark, Willmar, with a 1991 Honda CRX. Craig and Lori Schellberg, Spicer, with a 2002 Chevrolet Corvette.

For the June breakfast we will be on the road (Highway 12 west from Willmar) to Kerkhoven. Sherry's Cafe, June 3, 9:00am. Small town cafe with good prices. Francis Kalvoda will be opening his buildings in Pennock afterward. A good tour with Fords, Mercurys, Lincolns, Nash and much more to take in. Always a fun visit.

I am writing this before the May 18 meeting, because Wendy and I are going to be on the road May 15-30 with a trip to the Oregon coast. Consequently, I am not able to report on the meeting, however, the minutes are included in this newsletter.

You can be on the road on Sunday, June 11, to Bud and Sharon Bloomquist. It is an 80th birthday party for Sharon. They are providing Pulled pork and beverages, bring a food item to share. South of Kandiyohi, 3350 County Road 8 SE. (across the road from Tripolis Lutheran Church).

See you on the road. Bob



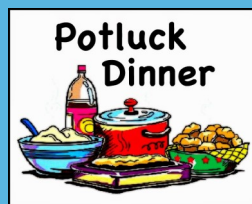
June Events

- June 2-4: Mopars in the Park, Washington County Fairgrounds, Stillwater, Mn
- June 3: Kerkhoven Car Buff's Breakfast with Francis Kalvoda collection tour afterward
- June 3: Marshall Car Show
- June 10: Renville 320 Car and Truck Show, 10:00-2:00, 1st annual, 507-430-5206
- June 10: Father's Day Visits, Potluck meal/meeting after at Jay and Linda Mork
- June 11: Sharon Bloomquist Birthday Party
- June 21: Country Stop A&W Cruise Night, 5:00-dusk, New London
- June 23 - 25: Back to the Fifties, Minnesota State Fairgrounds

NOTICE – JUNE CAR CLUB MEETING

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

Father's Day Visits with a Potluck meal and meeting to follow at Jay & Linda Mork's



2023 Summer

Car Buff's Breakfast

All car and truck enthusiasts are



June 3 - Sherry's Café

1005 Atlantic (Hwy 12) – Kerkhoven

July 8 – Dave's Place

313 Main St S. — Renville



August 5 – McMillian's Restaurant

2620 1st St. S - Willmar

September 2 - McMillian's Restaurant

2620 1st Street S. - Willmar

October 7 – Paynesville American Legion

770 Diekmann Dr. — Paynesville



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November 4

McMillian's Restaurant

2620 1st Street S. - Willmar

Willmar Car Club Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2023

Call to order by Vice President Jay Mork.

Care and Share: no cards sent this month.

Secretary's report approved as read.

Treasurers Report approved and subject to audit.

Correspondents and Announcements:

Upcoming car shows were discussed. Sharon Bloomquist's birthday party June 11 around noon at their place. Please bring a lawn chair and a dish to share. Yeah, she is 80!!

Old Business:

Breakfast schedule for the summer was passed out along with upcoming meetings for the summer.

June meeting will be at Jay and Linda Mork's on June 10 following the Father's Day Cruise. It will be potluck but there will be hot dogs on the grill. Plates, silverware, napkins, and water will be supplied.

Lawn chairs if you wish but there will be tables and chairs set up in the garage.

July will be at Chip and Deb Willhite's. Details will be in the newsletter.

August will again be a picnic in the park at Diamond Lake. Again, details will be in the newsletter.

September will be Root Beer and Rides.

No new business at this time but discussion on setting up a cruise route. And also a cruise that Gary is checking into. 23 members present.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted.

Linda Mork, Secretary



Honoring...

Sharon Bloomquist's

80th Birthday

Sunday, June 11th — Noon

At the Bloomquist home
3350 County Road 8 SE., Kandiyohi
(across the road from Tripolis Lutheran Church).\

Pulled pork sandwiches and beverages provided.

*Please bring a lawn chair and
a dish to pass.*

Care Center Cruise

Saturday, June 10th

12:30 pm Stage at Kennedy Elementary School Parking Lot

NOTE: Times are approximate and dependent upon weather conditions

CentraCare Care Center

12:45 p.m.



*Bethesda and Sunrise
Village*



CopperLeaf 2:45 p.m.



THE WELCOME WAGON

By Francis Kalvoda Willmar, MN
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Welcome to May, good weather and the beautiful colors of clean Lincolns on the road again. Once again I have borrowed a new member's beautiful 'wagon' for my Welcome Wagon. The Luxury Coach can haul several dozen travelers in Lincoln like comfort to interesting destinations. To make it even easier for Micki and I, our new members are from the Willmar area.

This month we welcome **Ralph and Jan Engel**, 8873 North Shore Drive, Spicer, MN 56288, 320-212-9171, re@rjtoursonline.com. When I first visited with Ralph a few weeks ago, he said he would like to find a clean original Lincoln or two from the '70s, '80s, or '90s. A stop at Unique Classic Cars in Mankato, MN quickly fulfilled that request. Ralph and Jan selected a white 1977 Mark V with only 15,000 miles and a dark cherry 2007 Signature Series Town Car with ivory trim. The Town Car has only 50,000 miles. Both Lincolns are BEAUTIFUL. About an hour after Unique Motors staff delivered the Lincolns to Ralph and Jan near Spicer, the 2007 Town Car was pressed into service. They had a comfortable trip to the MSP airport to pick up their daughter. On the return trip, everyone was enjoying the comfortable, quiet ride until...BAM. While stopped in a line of traffic in Hwy 55, an inattentive driver slammed into the rear of Engel's five hour old 2007 Town Car.

At first, Ralph did not even want to see the damage. When he got out, he saw the damaged front end and crumpled fender of the other car. Ralph and the other driver inspected the Town Car and found a slight abrasion and a minute wrinkle in the flexible rear bumper. The inner rear bumper structure took the brunt of the abuse. Ralph felt pretty good about being a Lincoln owner. If you know of a clean, original low mile '80s through '90s Town Car, let Ralph and Jan know. Now for a little information about Ralph and Jan from their R&J Tours website

The story of R&J Tours began in 1990 when Ralph & Jan Engel, along with two of their teenage daughters, Michelle and Mary, had stacks of papers and computers surrounding them on their dining room table. Their vision was to get a coach full of eager travelers together to experience a great destination through a quality tour where the travelers could step back and let the Engel's do the planning, booking, and executing. Thus, R&J Tours was born when they took their first tour to Branson with 19 passengers! These happy travelers returned, spread the word of their great tour adventure, and soon the telephone was ringing with requests for more tours.



Gradually R & J Tours added destinations to the Canadian Rockies, Washington DC, Wisconsin Dells, and even went internationally to places like Australia & New Zealand, Scandinavia, and Germany.

Soon after, Ralph realized that if they really wanted to put the needs of their travelers first, they needed to figure out how they could pick each traveler up right at their own front door – and that's just what they did! Home front door pick-up, high quality planning, attention to detail, and enthusiasm became the benchmarks for every R&J Tour.

Now thirty years later, R&J Tours employs over twenty employees and plans vacations all throughout the United States, as well as Canada, Europe, China, and more! It is the philosophy of putting the needs of their travelers first that has brought R&J Tours to where they are today, and this is just the beginning!

To see a list of tours the Engels have planned for 2023 and 2024 contact them at www.rjtoursonline.com
R&J Tours, 1408 Willmar Ave SE, Willmar, MN 56201, or (800) 758-6877.



Renville County FFA Chapters Host Fundraiser:

First Annual Car & Truck Show at the Fair

Door Prizes!
Sponsored by
Renville County
Businesses



**Entry: \$15 per car & driver, passengers
\$5 (includes fair registration)**



When: Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2023 with registration starting at 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm. Awards at 7:30.

Where: Elm Avenue (Side Street) of the Renville County Fair Grounds in Bird Island, MN 55310 (Enter on West Side of Elm Ave to enter).

Award Areas: People's Choice, Best Car, Best Truck, Oldest Vehicle, Newest Vehicle, Fairboard's Choice, Highest Mileage, Furthest Traveled, Best Paint, County FFA Choice



Francis & Micki (Mary) Kalzoda

2023

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Choose dates in '23 to call or visit us
 at **2421 Williams Parkway SW**
Willmar MN 56201 USA
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 fjk@charter.net or mmjtrl@yahoo.com

*Keeping America Beautiful
 by driving a Buick, Ford,
 Lincoln, Mercury, or Nash!*
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"Show Off Your Wheels!" Car Show

Thursday, July 13

Sacred Heart

Registration at 4 p.m.—voting 5-7 p.m.

Sponsored by Citizens Alliance Bank—Sacred Heart

Serving BBQ's, potato salad, chips, pickles and beverage - free of charge.

Jaycee's Beer Wagon will also be present.



One Year or Two?

The following models were only offered for one or two years, do you know when?

1. Chevrolet Corvair station wagon A.1960 B.1961 C.1961-1962

2. AMC Rebel Machine A.1968 B.1969-1970 C. 1970

3.Kaiser Carolina A. 1953 B. 1951-1952 C. 1952

4. Hudson Jet Liner A. 1949 B. 1953-1954 C. 1951-1952

5. Plymouth Superbird A.1969 B. 1970 C.1969-1970

6. Lincoln Blackwood Pick-up A. 2002 B. 2005-2006 C. 2007

7. Tucker A.1947 B.1948 C. 1948-1949

8. Mercury Sun Valley A.1954 B. 1955-1956 C.1954-1955

9. Avanti by Studebaker A. 1963 B. 1964 C. 1963-1964

10. Triumph TR5 A. 1968 B. 1970 C. 1971-1972

Answers, 1.A 2.C 3.A 4.B 5.B 6.A 7.B 8.C 9.C 10.A

2nd Annual Classic Car Show



Saturday, July 15, 2023

521 4th St SW, Willmar, MN

REGISTRATION.....9AM-10AM
Trophies/Awards.....1pm
Voting...Done by 12 Noon
SHOW CAR ENTRY FEE: \$10 EACH
Spectators are Free



Not responsible for accidents

For more info, call: 320.235.2033

320 TRUCKS

First annual
truck n car
show Family event

Renville Sugar Beet Days

Location-Renville MN \$20 fee entry for car or truck

Date sat-June 10 Time-10:00AM-2:00PM

People choice trophy
1st place trophy
2nd place trophy
3rd place trophy

Trucks cars muscle cars low riders
import cars are welcome

Tel:507-430-5206



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