



Willmar Car Club

The Polishing Rag

July 2023



Prez Sez....

Time, Thought, and Effort

My wife, Wendy and I have been attending "Back to the 50's" car show at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds as spectators for a number of years. Even though our 1966 Dart is approaching fifty-eight years old, it is too 'new' for the 1964 cutoff date. As we were standing in line to purchase our admittance tickets this year, I overheard the fellow ahead of us say to the older man with him, who may have been his father, " I thought I would either take you to this or Taylor Swift." The response was, " huh?"



I would guess many of the older senior generation would have answered the same. However, when they saw the 1955 Ford Australian Ute with right hand drive, they would appreciate its rarity and then later look at a 1954 Ford sitting right on the ground and think, "huh?"

It's all good though. As I walked the fairgrounds with 11,000 or so vehicles, each one unique to its self, I had a couple of "huh?" thoughts. But then realized, I don't always appreciate the time, thought, and effort put into each of the cars I saw. Then, of course, the amount of behind the scene work and at the show work to put on the show. Mind boggling when you think about it.

We may be on a much smaller scale, but our own Willmar Car Club events require time, thought, and effort. On behalf of all members, thank you to the individuals who do the behind the scene work to keep us active with Father's Day visits, cruises, pot lucks, breakfasts, and more.



I think time, thought, and effort paid off in June with the following.

Our June 3rd breakfast was at Sherrie's Cafe in Kerkhoven. Twenty-three members enjoyed a buffet breakfast and at \$7.00, it was a great value. Many stopped at the Francis Kalvoda collection in Pennock afterward. Thank you to Francis for opening his buildings.

We had thirteen cars participate in the Father's Day Health Care Facility visits to Centa Care, Bethesda, and Copperleaf on June 10th. A good potluck meal/meeting at Jay and Linda Mork's followed. Thank you to Jay for the grilled hot dogs and to Greg Gjerdingen for his contact work.

Also, a thanks to Bud and Sharon Bloomquist for inviting WCC to Sharon's birthday party on June 11th. Many members enjoyed a perfect Sunday afternoon with good food, good music, and good visiting.

The July 8th breakfast is at Dave's in Renville, formally Bart's. Participate or stop by the Danube Fun Days Car Show afterward.

On July 15th our meeting will be at Cliff and Deb Willhite's farm, located five miles south of Cosmos on State Highway 4, left on 890th Ave. (gravel short distance to first drive on left). Any time after 4:00 p.m. Meeting at 4:30 with potluck meal following. Plates, silverware, water, and coffee will be provided. Cliff has two Mustangs, a 1968 and a 2005. If you have a Mustang, drive it if you can and we will get a picture of them together.

Hope to see you soon.

Bob



- July 8- Car Buffs Breakfast, Dave's Cafe, Renville, 9 a.m.
- July 8- Danube Fun Days Car Show, 9 a.m.
- July 8—Small Town Saturday Night, 5-8 p.m., Belview
- July 9- Winthrop Car Show, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.
- July 13- Sacred Heart Car Show, registration 4 p.m., voting 5-7. Free meal served.
- July 14- Annadale, downtown, 5-8 p.m.
- July 15- Rusty Eyeball, Willmar Civic Center, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.
- July 15- Salvation Army Car Show, Willmar, 521 4th St. W., 10 a.m.-2p.m.
- July 15- Willmar Car Club Meal & Meeting, Cliff and Deb Willhite farm. 4 p.m.
- July 19- Country Stop A & W, New London, 5 p.m.- dusk
- July 26- Olivia, Am. Legion, Car Nite

NOTICE – JULY CAR CLUB MEETING SATURDAY, JULY 15

**4:30 p.m. Meeting/Pot Luck Meal to Follow
Cliff and Deb Wilhite farm**

Five miles south of Cosmos on State Highway 4, left on 890th Ave.

(gravel short distance to first drive on left)

Plates, silverware, water, and coffee will be provided.

2023 Summer

Car Buff's Breakfast

All car and truck enthusiasts are



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

16TH ANNUAL
RUSTY EYEBALL

PRESENTED BY HAZARDOUS WASTE CAR CLUB FROM HELL



MOTORCYCLE AND CAR SHOW

Saturday, July 15th, 2023

WILLMAR CIVIC CENTER | 10AM-3PM

CLASSIC CARS WELCOME!

For the first time Rusty Eyeball will now have award classes for both Rusty and Shiny vehicles.

ONE OF A KIND TROPHIES

MUSIC | CONCESSIONS

SWAP MEET

FREE CAMPING

AVAILABLE WITH RESERVATION

HAZARDOUSWASTECARCLUB.COM

Follow "Rusty Eyeball Car Show" on Facebook for updates.

Willmar Car Club Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2023

19 members present.

Call to order by President Bob Barr.

Care and Share report: Card out to Jim Halvorson.

Secretary's report approved as read.

Treasurers Report approved and subject to audit.

No correspondence at this time. There were 12 cars in the Father's Day Cruise today.

Old Business

July meeting at Chip and Deb's Wilhite on Saturday July 15th .

August meeting will be at Diamond Lake Shelter on Sunday August 20th .

A discussion was held on fall meetings. When and where to meet.

New Business

October 7th will be the breakfast and fall cruise. Route to be determined yet.

Discussion on any other cruise dates.

Motion to adjourn by Mike Hartman, seconded by Daryle Haugen. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Mork, Secretary

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Care Center Cruise Photos



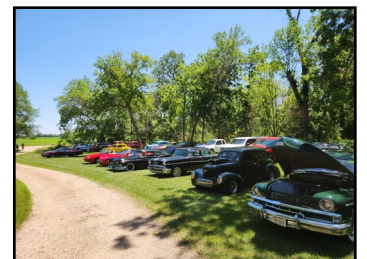
Saturday, June
10th

Photos submitted
by
Jay Mork



Happy Birthday

Celebrating 80 years with Sharon Bloomquist





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.

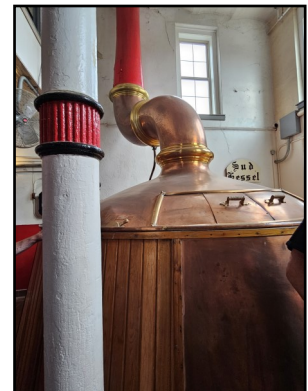
Where: Elm Avenue (Side Street) of the Renville County Fair Grounds in Bird Island, MN 55310 (Enter on West Side of Elm Ave to enter).

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

Looking for a fun day trip?? Go to Schell's Brewery in New Ulm!

A recent Saturday afternoon found us on a cruise to New Ulm to the Schell's Brewery. For having lived here all our lives, I can't believe we haven't taken the time to tour this landmark before. What an amazing story of beginning in 1860 with ties to Germany, adversity and perseverance through the prohibition years! You won't be disappointed. The tour is \$10—well worth it! Beautiful grounds, a gift shop and tasting await. They are open May 26th through Labor Day.

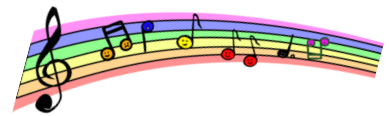
Rob and Berdelle



The Car Radio

The title of the song is in " " marks.

1. What year Mercury was Alan Jackson driving around when singing "Mercury Blues"?
A) '69 B) '55 C) '49
2. While cruising through the hamburger stand having "Fun, Fun, Fun" with daddy's T-Bird, what did she forget about?
A) To drive like an ace B) Library C) Getting a milk shake
3. The speedometer said the "Hot Rod Lincoln" hit top end at what speed?
A) 99 B) 120 C) 110
4. Before buggin each other at the lights and racing to "Dead Man's Curve", what pulled up to the right of the Stingray?
A) XKE B) Policeman C) GTO
5. What was the part Johnny Cash got on the first day of "One Piece at a Time"?
A) Fuel Pump B) Hood C) One Headlight
6. Why did the Nash Rambler's horn go "Beep, Beep"?
A) Pass Caddy B) Horn is Broken C) How to get out of 2nd gear
7. Before going to Pomona with a new "GTO", what did Ronny and the Daytonas buy?
A) Blue Coral Wax B) Helmet and Roll Bar C) Chrome Reverse Wheels
8. What does Wilson Pickett tell "Mustang Sall " to do?
A) Keep the wheels on the ground B) Slow Down C) Don't get a ticket
9. Before it rained on "Maybellene", how fast was the Cadillac going when the Ford got hot and wouldn't do no more ?
A) 104 B) 110 C) 118



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

"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.



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

2023 CLASSIC CAR EVENTS

at
COUNTRY STOP A&W

Highways 9 & 23 • New London, MN • 320-354-2902



Please Call Ahead for Cancellations or Changes
 320-894-5699

See You In
 New London!



Remember: Bring your lawn chairs, friends, sunshine and most of all enjoy the fun!

On Cruise Nights ...

- Display your car in our large, grassed parking area with other cruisers!
- Gather your cars & friends and come to A&W for each Classic Car Event.
- Enjoy the Live Music!



Wednesday
May 17th 5pm-Dusk

Live Music: CJ Dafoe Door Prizes 7pm

Wednesday
June 21st 5pm-Dusk

Live Music: Blues Brothers Tribute Band
 "1060 West Addison Blues" Door Prizes 7pm

Wednesday
July 19th 5pm-Dusk

Live Music by Ava Hanson

SUNDAY Stingers vs Thunder Bay Border Cats at 5:05pm

JULY 23rd 3-5pm

With the STINGERS at Bill Taunton Stadium - Willmar

Wednesday
August 16th 5pm-Dusk

Live Music: Custom Made Door Prizes 7pm

Saturday
September 16th 4pm-Dusk

"Root Beer & Rides" Live Music: CJ Dafoe
 Sponsored by Willmar Car Club

Wednesday
September 20th 5pm-Dusk

"Jeff James" Door Prizes 7pm



**Cruise Night Special:
 Cruising Combo**

Deluxe Bacon Cheeseburger, Fries & 20 oz. A&W Root Beer



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