



Willmar Car Club

The Polishing Rag

December 2023

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So, What Happened?

No, there are not any accidents to report, and Willmar Car Club is alive and active. What did happen are a number of club gatherings in 2023. Again, as in past years, every month offered something for us. Beginning in January with the annual meal/ meeting at the Kandiyohi County Historical Society Building with officers remaining the same as 2022. Mike Hartman was installed on the Board of Directors. He took the place of outgoing Daryle Haugen.

We did happen to vote on a meal change for January 2024. Mark your calendar and be sure to send in your reservations for Saturday, January 13. McKale's Catering will be providing a buffet dinner of chicken and ribs, along with potatoes, vegetables, and salad. The cost is only \$10.00 per person with the club paying the balance, tax, and gratuities. This ends up being about a half price meal. Good deserts will be potluck by members. We are doing a mid-day gathering, arrive about noon to 12;15 pm, serving at 12;30, so no after dark driving in January.

Our winter 2024 Car Buff's Breakfasts for February, March, And April will continue to be at McMillian's Restaurant, just as in 2023. This is the most logical place when weather can be questionable.

The 2023 June Father's Day visits had just a bit of rain, but we still received appreciation from the three Care Facilities we stopped at. A number of area shows and cruise nights were represented by members and their cars throughout the summer.

September was a good car month with the Bethesda Northpoint visit near New London. The time also included a cruise and ending with a great meal at Dick and Carol Johnsons on Lake Koronis. A good Root Beer and Rides Cruise Night was also part of our September activities.

Opportunities to get your out continued in October with a memorable visit to the Wally Kill Collection near Morris on the 3rd, followed with the Paynesville Car Buff's Breakfast and fall leaf tour.

Another 2023 happening was a trial run of moving our monthly meeting from the third Friday to the third Thursday and incorporating an evening meal by meeting at Pizza Ranch or Jake's Pizza. This change increased attendance and some additional meeting thoughts have been brought up to consider. We will review this at our January meeting.

Coming up for December 9th is our holiday gathering, starting with Toys for Tots shopping, 2:00 pm at Walmart. Meet inside by the Grocery Entrance. We have the Kandiyohi County Historical Society Building reserved for a bit later in the day. The potluck meal will be at 5:00 pm and the December meeting will follow.

Thanks to all who made 2023 a great year for Willmar Car Club.

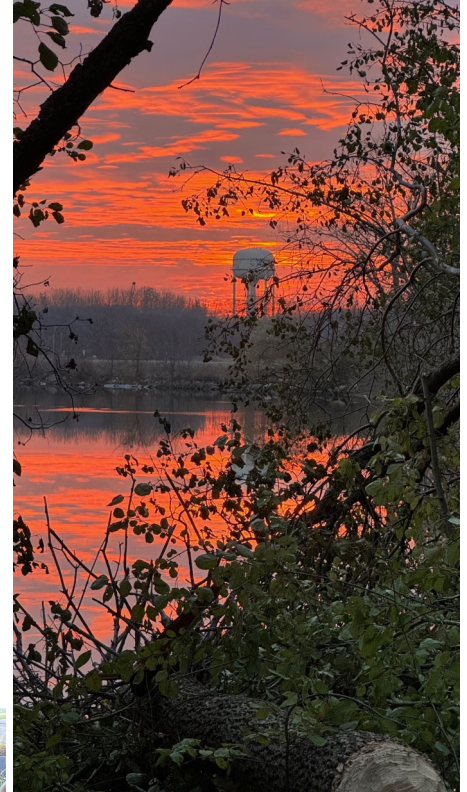
Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas. Bob



November Breakfast at McMillan's

It was a beautiful morning!

The "turkey" picture was through the McMillan's window. It was a risky move for the turkeys in November or McMillan's turkey is really, really fresh!!



December Car Club Meeting December 9th

Holiday Potluck Meal and Meeting

Kandiyohi County Historical Society Building
North Highway 71, Willmar.

Arrive any time after 4:00 p.m., will eat at 5:00 p.m.

Water and Coffee will be provided by the club.

The December meeting will follow the meal.





No official Car Buff's Breakfast for December and January, however some members may gather at McMillian's Restaurant about 8:45 am on Saturday mornings.

December 9th —Toys for Tots shopping at Walmart, 2:00 p.m. Meet inside by the grocery entrance.

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Newsletter Reminders:

- Deadline: the 27th of each month. If later than that your article may or may not be published in the current issue.
- Public Pictures: - Notify Greg Gjerdingen if you do not want your photo to be published in the newsletters. We are so grateful for all the amazing photos Greg takes for us, but we also want to respect your wishes regarding publication in the *Polishing Rag*.
- Have a notice about an event that did not make it into the Polishing Rag—you can share it by going to the last issue, choose “reply all”, insert your message and send it.
- There is an on-going issue with some e-mails not transmitting, particularly if your address ends with tds.net, lakedalelink.net or en-tel.net. Those servers seem to think there is “scam content” in the e-mails.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TOY SHOP



DECEMBER 19, 20, 21, 2023
TUESDAY-THURSDAY
8:30-4:00 P.M.

**PLEASE CALL THE SALVATION ARMY
TO SCHEDULE YOUR TIME!**

320.235.2033

KIMBERLY.TORRES@USC.SALVATIONARMY.ORG



DONATIONS FOR WILLMAR CAR CLUB TOWARDS THE TOYS FOR TOTS SHOPPING

The club is seeking donations from club members for Toys for Tots. Since the club has dropped the car show it no longer has a fundraiser to cover the donations usually made by the club. This has been done before for the Toys for Tots shopping donations, and it turned out successful. The club will meet inside the East Entrance of Walmart at 2 PM, December 9th.

**If you are able and willing to help with a donation,
Please use this form to send a check to:
Willmar Car Club, PO Box 428, Willmar, MN 56201**

TOYS FOR TOTS DONATION..... _____

Thank you to all who have contributed in the past for the Toys for Tots shopping. Thank you in advance to those who will contribute this year to assist the Willmar Car Club to keep making donations without depleting the funds held by the club. Please have these funds in before December 5th.

This donation form is only going out to club members.

Name(s): (Not for publication) _____

Willmar Car Club will continue to participate in Toys for Tots shopping, with funds donated from club members. If your check is made out to Toys for Tots, it will be tax deductible. Shopping will be done with the local Toys for Tots chairman so the purchases are made through their account, thus saving the taxes.

You may also shop ahead at the store sales and turn in the donations. If you do this, please report your total retail value of your purchases so we can know the full value of what the club members are donating.

Ridgewater Autobody Scholarship

For the 2024 Ridgewater Scholarship, it was approved to pay the remaining balance from the club funds

In a past meeting of the Willmar Car Club, a motion was made, seconded and approved to sponsor a \$500 scholarship for an Autobody student at the Ridgewater College. The scholarship will be awarded to a second-year student, funded from the Willmar Car Club treasury minus the contributions that members paid directly to the Ridgewater Scholarship program and funds raised at Root Beer & Rides. If you would like to give a larger donation for the scholarship, you may write your check directly to the Ridgewater College Foundation, designating it for the Willmar Car Club Scholarship. A check written to the Ridgewater College Foundation would be tax deductible. You can send it along with your other donations, and we will get it turned into the college.

ATTENTION

The New Year, 2024, will soon be here. It is time for membership renewals. **Please renew your membership and return the form by December 5th.**

The club is in the process of assembling an updated member directory. Please be sure to clearly complete the Renewal form to ensure we have accurate information.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

WILLMAR CAR CLUB RENEWAL FORM

(Please print)

Name _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Spouse & Children's Names _____

Membership Dues are \$25 for the year.

Send form and check to:

Willmar Car Club, PO Box 428, Willmar, MN 56201

Cars owned: _____

One check for Toys for Tots, January Meeting Meal and Membership is acceptable, unless payment is going directly to Ridgewater Scholarship or Toys for Tots

Dues are paid on a calendar year basis and, if you have not paid recently, your dues are now payable. Please use this form and fill it out completely.

JANUARY ANNUAL MEETING

The Willmar Car Club will have a catered meal at the SATURDAY January 13, 2024 at 12:30 PM, at the Kandiyohi County Historical Society. (Note in the past, the event has always been on Sunday, but the facility currently is not available on Sundays.) The cost per person attending is \$10.00. Willmar Car Club is subsidizing the rest of the expense. A potluck dessert table is also part of the plan. It will be important to get an account of how many people are expecting to attend to the caterer.

Please return the forms by December 5th.

WILLMAR CAR CLUB ANNUAL MEETING
PLAN ON ATTENDING (CIRCLE YES OR NO)
(Please print)

Names of attendees': _____

\$10 per person.

Send form and check to:
Willmar Car Club, PO Box 428, Willmar, MN 56201

**Thank you and Happy Trails and
Motoring in 2024!**

Willmar Car Club Minutes

November

19 members were present.

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Barr.

Care and Share: No cards sent in the past month.

Secretary's report was approved as read.

Treasurers Report approved as read subject to audit.

Old Business:

- A draft of the letter that will be going out to members regarding dues, annual meeting banquet, Ridgewater scholarship and Toys for Tots
- Discussion about the December 9 Christmas party at the historical society building. It will be potluck with the club providing plates, silverware, water and coffee. We will meet at 5:00. Prior to the meeting those who wish will meet at Walmart by the bakery and shop for Toys for Tots at 2:00.
- Saturday, January 13th will be the annual meeting at the historical society building at 12:30. This meeting will be catered for the meal with everyone bring a dessert to share. The meeting will follow. Again the club will supply plates, silverware, water and coffee.
- Motion made to have both chicken and ribs along with potatoes, vegetables, salad and roll. Motion passed.
- Please send in your reservations along with the \$10.00 per person as soon as you can. This will also be included in the letter coming out from the club

New Business:

- Nominations open for officers and one board member. Nominations are as follows:
 - President: Bob Barr
 - Vice President: Jay Mork
 - Treasurer: Greg Gjerdingen
 - Secretary: Open
 - Board Member: Dave McFarland and Cliff Willhite
- A call from the Salvation Army asking for help with the donations and the people shopping for the Christmas gifts for their families. More information to follow.
- Dave brought up the fact that Zorba's has a meeting room that would be available for meeting also.
- Motion to Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Mork, Secretary

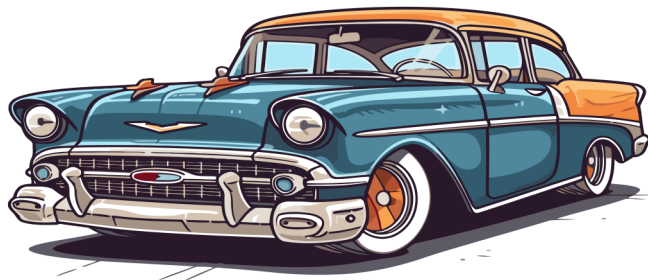


Were The Ads Memorable?

Fill in the Auto Makers Name

1. _____, The sign of the cat
2. See the U.S.A. in your _____
3. Ask the man who owns one, _____
4. _____, We build excitement
5. _____, Think small
6. The rapid transit system, _____, makes it
7. Wouldn't you really rather have a _____
8. _____, Once you've seen it, you'll never forget it
9. Another better idea from _____
10. _____, The first wide small car
11. Not your father's _____
12. _____, Standard of the world

Answers: 1. Mercury 2. Chevrolet 3. Packard 4. Pontiac 5. Volkswagen 6. Plymouth 7. Buick 8. Edsel 9. Ford
10. AMC Pacer 11. Oldsmobile 12. Cadillac





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