



Prez Sez...

Willmar Car Club

The Polishing Rag

March 2024



Modifications

Probably twelve or more years ago, I bought a Revell 1/24 scale model of a 1962 Plymouth at the Grand Rapids Antique/ Swap Meet/ Car Show Weekend. This began in 1985, now an annual event held on the last weekend of July with well over 100 vendors and swappers. I 'modified' the two-door Fury a bit with different wheels, tires, and new red paint.

Then a couple of years ago, I bought a box of miscellaneous model parts, since I can't stop rescuing old toys and models in need of repair, In the collection of pieces was another 1962 Plymouth that someone began highly modifying by shorting it. All that was there of the car was a very rough body with lumpy filler. In the parts box, I found enough parts to do something with the beginning of the project. My additional modifications turned it into a 60's gasser (kind of). It needed a name, " DisFUNctional " seemed to be appropriate, and if it was a real drag car, I think it would be dysfunctional in the quarter mile.



Many members of the Willmar Car Club own real vehicles with modifications. It is a part of this collector/ special interest car hobby, usually these changes result in an improvement and added enjoyment. I think the same can be said about the club itself. An example would be, we have seen an attendance increase in monthly meetings by changing to a Thursday evening meal/ meeting format.

Our March meeting will be on the 21st at the Willmar Pizza Ranch, arrive between 5:30 to 6:00 depending on your schedule for the meal. The meeting will begin at 6:30 and you are welcome to attend just for that. Any ideas for activities will certainly be given time to discuss. Also on the agenda are summer breakfast locations. Past locations and thoughts can be found following this writing, so you can give it some thought.

The March Car Buff's Breakfast will be at McMillian's Restaurant on Saturday, the 2nd, 9:00 am. We will be ordering off the menu, so you are able to have something light to as much as you wish. As always, if you have something of interest, automotive or other, feel free to bring it along for a time of "show and tell".

Hoping all your modifications are improvements,

Bob

2024 Membership

If you have not renewed your membership for this year, this is the last call to be included in the new membership directory.

We need to have forms received by March 21st, our meeting date!!

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: _____



Car Club Meeting March 21

Willmar Pizza Ranch

Arrive between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m. to eat.

Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

Spice Fest Recap

The Spice fest committee for the Willmar Car Club meeting also included discussion regarding Root Beer and Rides. We have done this for six years and it is beginning to gain participants. It was decided to continue R&R for 2024. The month of September was considered to be the best time for this. The question was raised, "would we have enough interest with members to be involved in two September events?" In September we can be part of The Troll's Show, Little Falls Show, the last A&W night, St. Peter Show, and Root Beer & Rides. We felt the month was full for us.

For this year we would not be part any planning or responsibilities for Spice fest, however if Spice fest will do the advertising and prep, we can probably find members to help with designated collector/ special interest car parking. Willmar Car Club would like to see what interest there might be for this. We will review 2024 for future involvement.

2024 Car Buff's Breakfast Locations

On the March meeting agenda is determining and checking on breakfast locations. The following list are possibilities. You can think about this and any other ideas will be considered.

- McMillian's Restaurant, Willmar
- Sherry's Cafe, Kerkhoven
- Kathy's Place, Sacred Heart
- Dave's Cafe, Renville; Traditionally July with Danube Fun Days after
- Paynesville American Legion; I would suggest September
- Spicer American Legion; need minimum 35 attendance
- Egg-bake potluck breakfast; need thoughts on this



Your ideas are welcome—please share!



Willmar Car Club Saturday, February 24th Casual Breakfast at McMillians

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.

Rearview Mirror

Quiz questions were taken from past issues of Hemmings Classic Car magazine, "Rearview Mirror"

What year did the following happen?

1. Studebaker Commander now features the four-door Regal Deluxe Land Cruiser, Henry Ford passes away at age 83
A.1942 B.1947 C.1949
2. First year Charger is the " New Leader of the Dodge Rebellion ", LBJ signs a bill creating the U.S. Dept. of Transportation
A.1964 B.1965 C.1966
3. Cadillac's Eldorado is the last convertible built at GM, Volkswagen announces plans to build an assembly plant in the U.S.
A.1976 B.1979 C.1981
4. New body styles of the Model A include Victoria and Deluxe Phaeton, sales began with Chevrolet's Series AD Universal
A.1928 B.1930 C.1932
5. Chrysler Imperial introduced, Ford implements a 40-hour, 5-day workweek
A.1920 B.1926 C.1932
6. Desoto ends production, Buick introduces compact series with Skylark
A.1959 B.1961 C,1963
7. Corvette convertible is brought back after 11 years, John Delorean is acquitted of 15 legal charges
A.1981 B.1984 C.1986
8. New Mercury division is announced to begin by the end of the year, Chrysler Royal returns in it's second year
A.1938 B.1941 C.1948
9. New Custom Cruiser station-wagon by Oldsmobile starts at \$4,539, Maverick offers a four-door
A.1968 B.1970 C.1971
10. New is Mercury's Monterey Sun Valley, American Motors Corporation is formed
A.1952 B.1954 C.1958



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

March Breakfast

See you at McMillians in Willmar—9 a.m.

Order off the menu.

Bring along an item of interest or a collector item!





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and enjoyment of collector vehicles.

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