

Good evening:

This is not the usual Polishing Rag – and I apologize for that! I did get my computer back, but nothing in my files is opening with the correct programs! Still trying to figure out what is going on!! Technology – love/hate relationship!

These are the articles I have for the May Polishing Rag – but just in the document format!

## Prez Sez

### It Followed Me Home

If you were about 8 years old and say, "it followed me home." It may have had four legs and a wagging tail. If you are an adult and say, "it followed me home." It may be a vehicle or a new tool for the shop.

What I am writing about this month are items which follow behind you when you are behind the wheel of your collector or special interest car. Things that are always in the trunk.

A number of Willmar Car Club members often get together for weekly 'casual' breakfast on the Saturdays between our official Car Buff's Breakfast. Last week, I asked those in attendance, " what do you always have in the trunk of your car?"

Lee Engel, mentioned his Model A Ford has an actual trunk for a trunk. Very much like one that may have been in your grandparents attic. Mike Kingery has a TV tray with a scene of old cars and on a building is a sign, " Mike's Garage ". Cliff ( Chip ) Willhite still has a tool box which he has had for more than fifty years. Jay Mork uses an old soft leather purse for a home for wrenches, screwdrivers, tape, and wire. Bud Bloomquist and Mike Hartman, along with chairs, always have cleaning supplies and water.

For myself in the 1966 Dodge Dart, a tool box, oil and water, an old blanket, chairs, about 90 pounds of roof shingles, and on the underside of the trunk lid are magnetic dash plaques. Yes, I mention roof shingles. The reason for it is because a number of years ago I changed the rear leaf springs and the replacements caused the back of the car to sit a bit too high. I had a little more than a bundle of shingles in the garage left from recently reroofing the house. The weight of these seemed to put the stance of the car about right. They have been there ever since, wrapped up in two old pillow cases, which were intended to be cut up into garage rags. But, now work nicely to cover up the shingles.

You can follow the road to McMillian's Restaurant on May 4th for Car Buff's Breakfast at 9:00 am. On May 23rd, follow the road to Willmar Pizza Ranch for the May Meal/ Meeting. For this month only, the meeting is on the fourth Thursday of the month. Arrive between 5:30 to 6:00 pm for the meal. Meeting is at 6:30.



At our April meeting at Zorba's in Spicer, we decided to follow thru with the idea of a club sponsored egg-bake breakfast. This will be at Jay and Linda Mork's place with the club providing rolls, donuts, fruit, juice, and coffee, I believe some of the gals have the egg-bake details worked out. No cost to members, however we do need RSVP by May 28th for the June 1st breakfast. Please call Jay at (320) 905-7083.

Another activity to put on your calendar will take place on Friday, May 31st. Bud Bloomquist has set up a shop tour of a company in New London that does food truck and trailer conversions. This company has been featured on TV. We will meet at A&W in New London for lunch at 11:00 am. If the gals would like to shop in town, we can meet up for ice cream after the tour.

June 15th has been set for our annual Father's Day visits to health care facilities. Followed by a cruise to Dick and Carol Johnson's on Lake Koronis for a potluck supper and the June Meeting. More on this next month.

Hope you can follow Willmar Car Club to this summer's activities. Bob

**The date is set, but the Care Centers have not confirmed the times at this point.**



**Sunday, June 15**

**12:45 PM Kennedy Elementary parking lot**

**1:00 PM Cura Care Center (Formerly CentraCare & Rice Care)**

**1:45 PM Copperleaf**

**3:15 PM Bethesda North Point, New London**

**??? PM ?? Jay & Linda Mork's ??**

**Greg Gjerdingen**

**Willmar Exam Station #808**

**320-231-1735**



# April Car Club Breakfast at McMillians

## Willmar Car Club Minutes April 18, 2024

17 Members present

Meeting called to order by President Bob Barr.

**Care and Share:** Cards sent to family of Roy Pederson and Randy Mertz.

March minutes approved as read

Treasurers report read and approved subject to audit.

**Correspondence:** Line Chaser and a registration form for the Syttende Mai parade

**Car Cruise:** to Fagan's WWII air museum on Friday April 26.

May 31- A tour of the company that is building food trucks in New London. Meet at the A&W at Noon.

### Old Business

- Membership directory has been sent to the printer. At present there are 61 members. Thanks to Shari and Greg.
- Car show at Paynesville auto from 8-12 on May 11.
- Summer breakfast schedule change. In June it will be a Breakfast at Jay and Linda's. It will be made by different members of the club. Please contact Jay or Linda to see what is needed.
- The August breakfast will be in Kerkhoven at Shari's café. A motion was made by Bud and second by Greg that the club will pay for the rolls for the breakfast at Jay and Linda's. Passed.
- Father's Day cruise June 15. Meet at Kennedy school at 12:30 in the parking lot. Following the nursing homes visit we will have a pot luck at Dick and Carol Johnsons.
- August is the annual picnic at Diamond Lak on August 18.
- The May meeting will be moved a week later than our usual date. It will be on May 23 at Pizza Ranch

Motion to adjourn, Jay and second by Carol.

Respectfully submitted  
Linda Mork, Secretary



## May Coming Events

May 24- Monthly Willmar Car Club Meeting, Willmar Pizza Ranch, arrive for meal 5:30 pm, meeting at 6:30

May 31- Food Truck Conversion, New London, meet for lunch at Country Stop A&W in New London at 11:00 am, tour follows



**Car Show**  
May 11th 8am-12

Come and enjoy a Hot dog  
& Drink and see some  
beautiful Cars

Hosted at  
Paynesville Auto  
448 Business 23 E  
Paynesville, MN

# Sunburg Syttende Mai Parade Registration

The Syttende Mai activities will be held on Sunday, May 19, 2024

We are again looking for all types of parade units. If you or someone you know would like to participate, please fill out this form and return it by May 3, 2024.

As it has been in the past the parade will start about 3:30 p.m. after the Lakers Ball Game, with Kiddie Parade entries first. Line up will be in the Hope Lutheran Church Parking Lot (107 Western Avenue). Parade line up will begin at 3:00 p.m. **Parade will be held rain or shine.**

We will be having a full day of activities, hot breakfast at Hope Lutheran Church, Tractor Pull, Church Service, Boutique, Ball Game, Kids Pedal Pull and don't forget the Fireman's Supper!

Organization or business: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of feet your unit requires: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of those participating in the unit: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Please circle all that apply to your unit:

Band	Musical	Tractor	Float	Classic Car
Flatbed	Marching Unit	Queen	Clown	Motorcycles
Fire Truck/Ambulance		Horses or other animals		Bicycles

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**An adult must accompany children under 16 years if they operate a motorized vehicle!!**

Please contact the following for more information:  
Diane O'Leary (320) 366-3896

Mail registration to: Sunburg Commercial & Community Club  
Attention: Diane O'Leary  
PO Box 71  
Sunburg, MN 56289

## Quiz

### The Last Of

What was the last year the following was offered by new cars or pick-ups sold in the U.S. Questions 1 thru 5 came from an article sent from Gary Hotovec.

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|-----------------------------------|---------|--------|--------|
| 1. 2-speed automatic transmission | A.1973  | B.1977 | C.1982 |
| 2. 3-speed automatic transmission | A.1990  | B.2002 | C.2010 |
| 3. 3-speed manual transmission    | A.1981  | B.1987 | C.1998 |
| 4. 4-speed manual transmission    | A.1996  | B.2007 | C.2015 |
| 5. 4 cyl. pushrod engine          | A.1983  | B.1993 | C.2003 |
| 6. Ford flathead V8               | A. 1948 | B.1953 | C.1956 |
| 7. Chrysler flathead six cyl.     | A.1948  | B.1954 | C.1959 |
| 8. Chrysler 426 Hemi              | A. 1971 | B.1975 | C.1981 |
| 9. rear engine Corvair            | A. 1966 | B.1969 | C.1970 |
| 10.Studebaker flathead six        | A. 1952 | B.1960 | C.1964 |

Answers: 1. A, Chevrolet 2. B, Toyota 3. B, GM Trucks 4. A, Toyota  
5. C, Chevrolet S-10 6. B 7.C 8. A 9. B 10. B

## *Fagen Fighters WWII Museum Photo Gallery*







*A look into the lives and  
legacy of the  
Greatest Generation*

Ray Fagen served in the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry  
Division, and earned three battle  
stars: Utah Beach, Liberation of Paris,  
and the Battle of the Bulge.

At the entrance we were greeted by the tour  
director, who explained the layout of the  
buildings, what was available to see, and  
shared the history of the museum.







Fagen Fighters WWII Museum is owned and operated by the Fagen Family. Established in 2012, the museum houses a remarkable collection of fully operational aircraft and vehicles from WWII.

Hours: Tuesday through Saturday 10 am- 4pm.

Closed Sunday, Monday and National Holidays.

The museum offers a self-guided tour experience, providing the unique opportunity to delve into the experiences and lasting impact of the Greatest Generation.

Schedule Group Tours as a valuable educational resource for schools and students of all ages, veteran groups and other institutions and organizations.





From the overlook, we were able to observe the restoration of an aircraft in progress. This aircraft has been under reconstruction for 12 years. They are currently working on the wings.



*Lest we forget....  
The museum has an amazing display on the Holocaust. The rail car was brought here from Germany by the Fagen's.*



Following the tour, the group cruised to the Grandview Valley Winery near Belview, MN.

Although it was a cold and rainy day, it was a great day for touring the museum.

# 2024 Summer Breakfast Schedule

## *9:00 a.m. at all locations*

- May 4- McMillian's Restaurant, 2620 1st St. S, Willmar
- June 1- Willmar Car Club sponsored egg-bake breakfast with rolls and fruit; No cost to members, RSVP please to Jay 320-905-7083  
Jay and Linda Mork; 12946 212th Ave. NE, New London
- July 13- Dave's Place, 313 Main St. S, Renville
- August 3- Sherry's Cafe, 1005 Atlantic (Hwy 12), Kerkhoven
- September 7- Paynesville American Legion, 770 Diekmann Dr., Paynesville
- October 5- Sherry's Cafe, 1005 Atlantic (Hwy 12), Kerkhoven
- November 2- McMillian's Restaurant, 2620 1st St. S, Willmar