



Polishing Rag

December 2024



Prez Sez...

Last Chance

With my toy restoration hobby, I think some of the projects I have done were at their "last chance". A current project is a Buddy L Greyhound Bus about 16 inches long, manufactured in the 1940's.



When this was new, it had a wind up key which tightened a spring (now broken) to propel it forward. A bell would ring (now broken) and the door would open when it stopped. A 'D' size flashlight battery would also light a red flashlight bulb when stopping (now broken).

With all the rusted, broken, and missing parts, can I get it working again? Perhaps someone, somewhere, would take on the challenge. However, I have come to the realization, I am not the guy. I will do proper paint, decals, and make missing exterior parts. On the display shelf, it will look like its former self.

We recently had an officer/ board of directors meeting and along with discussion at our regular November meeting, the consensus is Willmar Car Club is looking at a challenge finding officers and continuing on with our State Statute regarding Nonprofit Organizations. The point of this writing is: Willmar Car Club is facing its last chance to continue as it has since 1983. If we do not have a full slate of officers elected in December, changes in 2025 may happen. However, just like my bus project, things are not going to look much different. We will still gather for breakfast, we will still have our "club spot" at A&W cruise night, we will still have garage tours and outings. Most importantly, the many friendships created by Willmar Car Club will continue.



So, what will change? Our 'group' will not be handling any money, no dues. Money now in our account will go to Ridgewater College to fund scholarships for many years. More on that, if it happens. No officers. No proper meetings and no by-laws. If needed in early 2025, current officers and board members will determine all the details and a letter in writing will be mailed to all members for the purpose of voting on the proposal. This is in accordance with the Minnesota Nonprofit Corporation Act.

And again, we will still look like our former self.

On a lighter note, mark your calendar for Saturday, December 14th. Our December Holiday Buffet and meeting at the Kandiyohi County Historical Society Building. Be sure to get your RSVP in for the catered Roasted Chicken/ Ham Buffet at \$10.00 per person, with the club picking up the balance of the cost. Check the details found in this newsletter.

Hope to see you on the 14th, Bob

Willmar Car Club Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2024

Call to order by President Bob Barr.

Care and share report: card sent to Rod and Donna for loss of Rod's sister.

Minutes approved as read.

Treasurers report, approved, subject to audit.

Announcements: none at this time.

Old Business

- Toys for Tots, December 14 beginning at 2 o'clock and meeting at Walmart followed by Christmas party at the historical society building at 4:00. The party will be catered for a \$10.00 co-pay. Ham and chicken will be served, and members are being asked to bring a dessert to share.
- Discussion on the January meeting with a motion made by Mike Hartman to forgo the January meeting, seconded by JoAnn motion passed.
- Call for nominations for officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- Greg accepted the treasurer's position. The other offices and one board member are open.
- Suggestion was made that instead of officers that we have and have 4 members who will help make decisions, mail out notices and come up with activities.
- Discussions on how to best use the money in the treasury. We will wait until December and see how things pan out.

Motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Mork, Secretary



December Holiday Gathering

Kandiyohi County Historical Society Building,
North Highway 71, Willmar

Arrive about 4:30 p.m.— food will be served at 5:00 p.m.

Catered Buffet: Roasted Chicken and Ham, Cheesy Hash Brown
Potatoes, Corn, Creamy Fruit Salad, Coffee and Water

Desserts will be member potluck—bring a dessert to pass!

\$10.00 per person— Car Club picking up the rest of the tab

RSVP with payment is required, send your check to:

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

December Meeting will follow.

November Quiz

What Am I?

Many car parts have changed composition over the years. For example, wheels used to be made with wooden spokes, and then they evolved into steel. Now, most wheels are made out of some kind of magnesium-aluminum alloy. Dashboards used to be made out of wood. Now they're made out of plastic.

So, here's a "What am I" puzzler. I'm going to tell you what I used to be made out of, and you're going to tell me what I am.

"In the early days of cars, I didn't even exist. When they saw a need for me, I was first made out of wood. That didn't work too well, so then I was made out of leather. Some time later, I was composed of cotton. Today, I am made out of a mixture of things, including steel wool, iron, and bronze.

What am I?

November Quiz Answer

What am I?

All these things, believe it or not, were brakes.

The first cars didn't have brakes. When you needed to stop the car, you used blocks of wood—probably the bright idea of some high paid consultant. Modern brakes are made of steel wool, iron, and bronze, plus resin to hold them together.





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