



The Steering Wheel

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Newsletter of the Midwest Antique Auto Club
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Meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month. The Board meets at 6:00 p.m. and the general meeting begins at 7:00 during the months of November, January, February and March at PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA, Northwest Corner of 76th & Maple Streets in Omaha. During the summer months of April, May, June, July, August, September and October, there are no inside meetings. In these months we have "Official Car Tours" on the third Sunday of each month. Plus whatever extra tours may please us. There is no meeting in December, that meeting is replaced by our annual Christmas banquet. All vehicles are welcome, any year, make or model, but a drivable collectible/antique vehicle is not a requirement for membership.

The deadline for articles for the Steering Wheel is the last Saturday of the month.

The President's Message



Hello Everyone,

Unavailable at time of publication...

John and Karen Thurber ❁

COMING EVENTS

June 16 (Saturday)

OMAHA, NE — The 17th Annual Immanuel Fontenelle Auto Show

10am to 12:30 pm. 6809 N. 68th Plaza, Omaha, NE. Join us in the front parking lots for music, clowns, & fun! If you have a car to show please contact the Recreation Therapy at (402) 572-2911. There is no cost to register. Family & Friends are welcome.

Sunday, June 17

OFFICIAL CLUB TOUR

Jim & Cheryl Cushman put together this very interesting tour. Come enjoy the outdoors and nature. This month's tour is to Heron Haven Wetland, an Omaha "Urban Sanctuary". This a unique spring-fed wetland located within the city limits. More than 50 years ago, this land included an unspoiled oxbow lake formed by the Big Papillion Creek, in subsequent years the property was used as a fish hatchery, fishing lake, and a dump site. In 1992 there was a possibility that the site would be commercially developed. Concerned neighbors and conservationists took action that led to the acquisition of this 25-acre property by the Papio-Missouri Natural Resources District. We will meet at the "NORTH" parking lot of the Walmart Store off of the Blair High Road & 99th St (6304 N 99th St, Omaha, NE 68134). We will meet at 1pm and leave at 1:30 pm. We will drive from 99th St. heading south, then west on Military, then south on 108th St., then west on Old Maple Rd. The site address is 11809 Old Maple Road, Omaha. The club will provide the main course and water. Please bring either a salad, casserole, bread/rolls, dessert, or if single bring chips of some kind. You may want to throw in the chairs. We hope to see you there.

July 7th


BELLEVUE, NE — "Hot Rods at River Fest", Haworth Park.

Cars, trucks and motorcycles welcome. Registration: 8 a.m. to noon. Show starts at noon. Information: 402-301-8778 or squez007@aol.com

July 7th (Official July Activity)

KENNARD, NE — Lorsch Show & Shine

Show & Shine (but it doesn't have to shine). Don't need a car. Come and Enjoy. Jack and Susan Lorsch's place 6755 County Road 25 Kennard NE. When Saturday July 7, 2018 anytime after 1:00. We will eat about 4:00 Food and Water furnished. Bring anything else you want to drink and lawn chairs. Rain date: July 14. 402-427-7388.



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July 21st– 22nd

ASHLAND, NE — Nebraska Highway 66 Concourse Classic.

The SAC Aerospace Museum is again hosting a premier classic automobile show featuring exclusive vintage and collectable cars, and motorcycles. A top quality collection of prestigious vehicles! There is no charge to display a vehicle at this show just the opposite. Those picked to display will be able to bring their vehicle to the museum between Wednesday July 18th and Friday July 20th. The vehicles will be displayed inside the Museum amongst the planes. The building will be secured overnight. On Saturday those displaying cars will be invited to a Banquet (2 people per displayed vehicle). On Sunday three different awards will be presented selection of the vehicles is spectator's choice of the best liked Car, Motorcycle, and Children's favorite. To register your vehicle go to <https://sacmuseum.org/highway-66-concourse-classic-registration/>.

Those that don't wish to display but would like to be spectators the event is open daily July 21st – 22nd from 9 am to 5 pm. 28210 West Park Highway, Ashland, NE, 68003. Admission: \$6-\$12. <https://sacmuseum.org/event/nebraska-highway-66-concourse-classic>

Some have asked me why this show is called the Nebraska 'Highway 66' Concourse Classic. Hey that's an easy answer: Because the SAC Aerospace Museum is on Nebraska State Highway 66 (nothing to do with U.S. Route 66).



Member News

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! Jerry Vincentini has requested help for the "Nebraska Highway 66 Concourse Classic Show" in Ashland, NE for the registration & placement of participating automobiles. Does not matter if young or old, or male or female. It takes a lot of helping hands to put on these events. Marking the areas for the cars will be Tuesday, July 17th most likely. Registration will start Wed., July 18th (Model As requested for that day) and go until 5 pm of the 19th (Friday). ** Please call Jerry Vincentini (402) 676-9684 or President John Thurber (402) 496-7701 to get on board and for more information.



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Those present at the May 19th Official Activity at the Hedegaard home were: Linda & Daryl Baker (modern), Delmar & Barb Bunch (modern), Charles Christensen (modern), Linda & Ray Crisman (modern), Joyce & Clif Ellis (modern), Ken, Dixie, & Donna Foote (modern), Marj & Monte Frost (modern), Tom & Gloria Kannas (modern), Dave & Bonnie Lyon ('87 El Camino), Barb Patterson (with Frost), Jim Peterson (modern), Gene Schneiderman ('18 Alfie), Donald Schwalm (modern), and John & Karen Thurber (1988 Pontiac). Ladies who wore hats were: Barb Bunch, Joyce Ellis, Dixie Foote, and Barb Patterson. John Thurber won the \$20.00 Split Pot.

Jim Cushman was absent from this tour because of his annoying gallbladder. He and Cheryl went to the Emergency Room at about 2 am that morning in severe pain. He had surgery about the time of the gathering. He is on the mend and up and about.



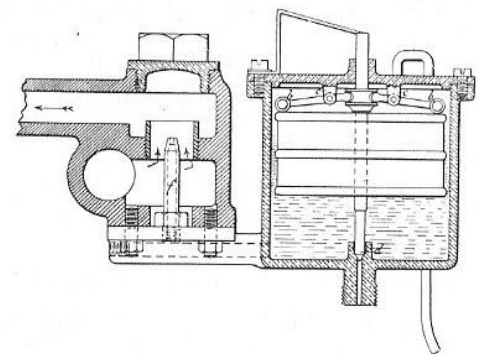
We are saddened to report that long time member Audrey Freyer passed away on May 13th from Pancreatic cancer. She is survived by her loving husband Dale, who is also a long time member and former Newsletter Editor to this club. This couple has been very active, not only in this club, but others as well. Family and friends were able to join her on April 28th for a "Celebration of Life" Get Together to share memories and say goodbye. She will always be remembered fondly and will be missed immensely. Memorials can be sent to the First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney St., Omaha, NE 68131.

FREE – John Thurber has three used 650-16 bias ply Coker Classic wide white wall tires that he will give to a good home. Just call him at 402-496-7701 and they are yours.




Interesting Facts

Maybach Carburettor 1893: Maybach float-feed spray carburettor; patented 1893. Maybach's device was the ancestor of the modern spray carburettor. There was only one jet and the inventor claimed that as the level of fuel in it was always kept constant by the float and needle-valve, the mixture strength would remain constant despite variations in engine speed: this was soon found to be too optimistic. (Antique Automobiles by Anthony Bird, Treasure Press, Pg 54).



Wilhelm Maybach was a young research assistant of Gottlieb Daimler. Gottlieb Daimler along with Carl Benz is considered to be one of the founding fathers of the automobile age. He invented the carburettor, which made possible the first high-speed gasoline engine, and his contributions were basic to the evolution of the automobile in all its practical early phases of development. Gottlieb Daimler, born in Germany, decided to become an engineer after an initial training as a gunsmith. At the age of 38 he was appointed technical director to the gas-engine company which a Nickolaus Otto founded at Deutz. Daimler and Maybach both saw the potential of the internal-combustion engine for propelling road vehicles. They concentrated on developing the first light weight, high speed engine to run on gasoline, basing it on the Otto four-stroke cycle. The gasoline engines which Daimler built for Nikolaus Otto achieved speeds of only 130 revolutions per minute. The new engine, with its efficient ignition system and surface carburettor, designed to vaporize the petrol and mix it with air, reached speeds of 900 revolutions per minute. This was in 1885. In 1890, Daimler & Maybach set up the Daimler Motor Co. The quality and efficiency of their product was soon established. In 1894, the first international “race for horseless carriages” was held (between Paris & Rouen). Out of the 102 cars which started only 15 finished the course, but each one that did was powered by a Daimler engine. Daimler engines were also chosen by Ferdinand Graf von Zeppelin on his first tests with the rigid airship of the 1890s. In 1900 the “Mercedes” was born, the first true modern automobile, a 24 horse powered engine. “Mercedes”-named after the daughter of its owner. Eventually in 1926, it merged with the Benz Company, becoming Mercedes-Benz. Daimler died in 1900. Maybach continued to be an influential engineer & designer, and in 1909 set up a factory with his son to manufacture aircraft engines as a subsidiary to the Zeppelien organization. (Scientists & Inventors, Feldman, A. & Ford, P., Bloomsbury Books/London,1989. Pgs 184-185.)

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