



The Steering Wheel

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Newsletter of the Midwest Antique Auto Club
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Meetings are held on the third Sunday of each month. The Board meets at 1:30 p.m. and the general meeting begins at 2:00 p.m. during the months of November, January, February and March at the **NEW CASSEL RETIREMENT CENTER at 900 N. 90th St., Omaha, NE 68114.** 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,

Winter is finally here and boy is it cold! As you may know, I have been working with my father and brothers on my father’s 1947 Chevrolet Convertible over the last 5 years or so. With Ed Hedegaard’s help, we finally have a moving and stopping chassis. It was really exciting to see the car move under its own power for the first time since 1972. Again, I really appreciate Ed’s help to make this possible. Now, on to the bodywork. We would really like to get that done this year so my father can actually drive the car on the streets of Omaha.

We are still looking for a News Letter Editor. I am currently putting together the newsletter with my wife and Ed’s help.

We need someone to step up and help us since both Karen, Ed and I work full-time during the day. Please let me or Ed know if you’re willing to help. It’s not difficult to do (if you can type on a computer, you can prepare the newsletter).

I hope everyone stays warm and safe over the next few weeks. See you in February.

John and Karen Thurber☘

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 16th (Sunday) 2:00 pm.

This is the third official indoor meeting of the season. Please join us at New Cassel to celebrate Valentine's Day! **Please bring a red desert or salad. We will be having BINGO at this meeting.

March 8th, 2020

LINCOLN, NE — 47th Annual Rocky Manginelli Memorial Swap Meet, Lancaster Event Center, 4100 N. 84th St. Doors open at 7:00 a.m. "The first and largest swap meet of the year held in Nebraska!"
www.enwicc.com

March 15, 2020

March MAAC Meeting, New Cassel, 2:00 p.m. Plan to join us to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Corned Beef and Cabbage (and potatoes). Please bring a dessert or salad.

May 9th, 2020

GRETNA, NE — Skills-Grilles, Gretna High School. Registration 9 a.m. to noon. Sponsored by Meadowlark Model A Ford Club. Information: Jim Musel 402-995-1005 or Bob McKinney 402-332-3993 or <http://meadowlarks.omahaneb.org>.

June 17th-20th, 2020

Future Tour to Norfolk with the Omaha Region Horseless Carriage Club! The tour is open to other clubs wishing to join the fun. Please contact Don Ohnstad (402.203.7131) for more information and to register <https://www.hcca.org/events/June-17-20-2020/flyer.html>. ☼

Member News

****DUES ARE PAST DUE! PLEASE SEND THEM TO DIXIE FOOTE IF YOU HAVE NOT YET PAID.**

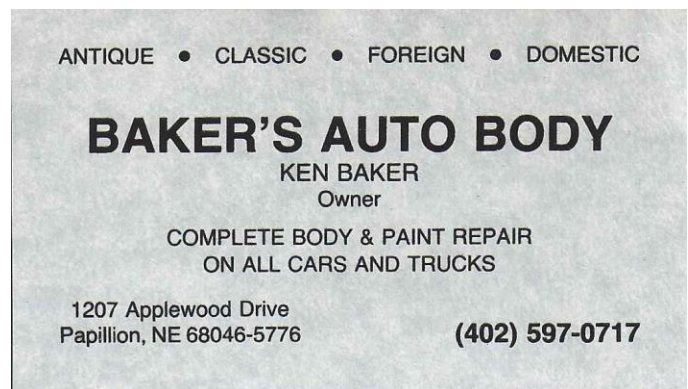
We know we all get busy and forget or thought we did, when we didn't. Or there may be needed communication in case you did not get marked as paid, and did in fact pay. We don't want this to be your last newsletter.

The January 2020 MAAC meeting White Elephant Sale and split pot generated \$45. Thank you for everyone who participated.

Five takeaways from Scottsdale 2020

Mike Austin on Jan 21st, 2020 Hemmings Motor News

The 2020 Scottsdale, Arizona auctions are history. Total sales declined three percent from last year, according to Hagerty's Jonathan Klinger, signaling that there is still plenty of life in the financial aspect of the collector-car market following a precipitous year-on-year decline in Monterey last August. Stepping away from the raw dollars and statistics, though, here are a few observations and subjects that had everyone buzzing during auction week in the desert.



There are deals to be found

The headlines might make it seem like the auctions are all about high-end, perfect examples that sell for big money, but there are plenty of hidden gems. Among our favorites that we considered good buys were a 1934 Pontiac 603 Sedan at Worldwide for \$20,900, the lovely 1949 Kaiser Vagabond (pictured) at RM Sotheby's that went for \$10,080, and a 2003 Aston Martin DB7 Vantage Coupe at Bonham's for \$23,520. And that's not even getting into the volume auctions; with more than 1900 lots at Barrett-Jackson, 674 at Leake, and 513 at Russo and Steele, there are plenty of ways for a savvy buyer to walk away with a deal.

Paul Walker is the next Steve McQueen

While the Bullitt Mustang just sold at Mecum's Kissimmee sale for \$3.74 million, it's unlikely that a car's association with Steve McQueen will continue to fetch incredible prices. Cars from Paul Walker, however, seem to be the new hotness. Several cars and motorcycles owned by the late star of the Fast and Furious movie franchise went up for sale at Barrett-Jackson, and almost all of them went for big money. All five BMW M3 lightweights (115 produced) went for more than \$220,000 with the highest going for \$385,000. As further proof, a 2006 Toyota Tundra pickup with a potential odometer rollback listed on the Carfax report sold for \$16,500, and a 1995 Ford Bronco went for \$73,700.

That Grand Wagoneer

If you think Paul Walker's Bronco went for high dollars, you missed the 8,000-mile 1989 Jeep Grand Wagoneer that sold for \$110,000. That's not a typo, and it was one of the top conversation items all week. This might be the lowest-mileage surviving Grand Wagoneer in the world, and it only takes two bidders, but this seems a little high. Not even specialist Wagonmaster charges that much for fully-restored examples. In related news, look for every used Grand Wagoneer to jump \$10,000 in asking price from here on out.

The snakes are alive

Dodge Vipers sold strong this year according to Hagerty. "Early RT/10s in excellent condition brought nearly 40 percent above expected results," said Klinger in a press release. But the last car from the original Cobra-master was all over Scottsdale as well. Five examples of the Shelby Series 1, including the prototype model from RM Sotheby's pictured above, went across the block at Scottsdale. With only 249 production models, that's a good percentage of the overall number. Perhaps Ford v Ferrari inspired more than a few owners to capitalize on Carroll Shelby's renewed popularity among the general public.

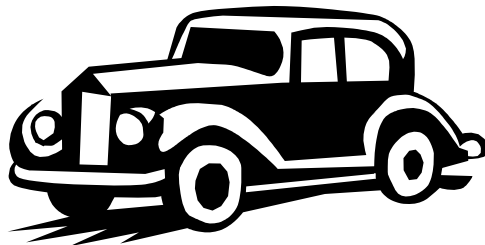
Restomods are here to stay

Barrett-Jackson started selling restomods during the primetime television coverage in 2005. This year there were about 700 classic cars and trucks with modern engine and chassis components swapped in. It's easy to see why from the auction house's perspective, when an extensive build on a restomod can bring as much money as a numbers-matching big-block from the same lineup. Even the biggest restomods sales, however, went for less than they probably cost to build. With modern driveability and old-school looks, we can definitely see the appeal. We thought personal taste would make so many customs a harder sell, but the results prove otherwise.

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