



The Steering Wheel

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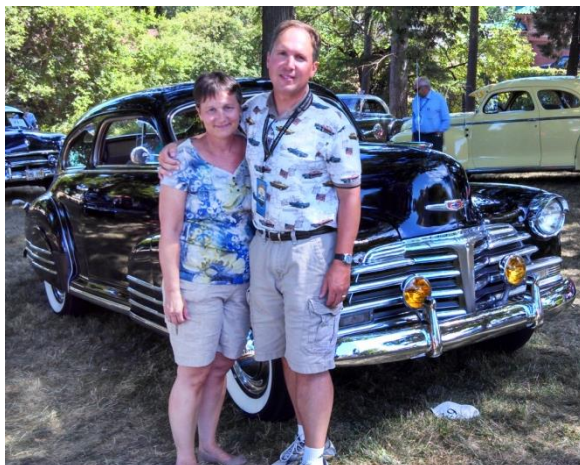
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Meetings are held on the third Sunday of each month. The Board meets at 1:30 p.m. and the general meeting begins at 2:00 p.m. during the months of November, January, February and March at the **NEW CASSEL RETIREMENT CENTER at 900 N. 90th St., Omaha, 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 latest Steering Wheel can be found at <https://midwestantiqueautoclub.org>.**

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

The President’s Message



Hello Everyone,

A big thank you to everyone that turned out for the car show at New Cassel Retirement Center. We had a nice turnout of cars and it was great to see Monte and Marj Frost. I know that the residents appreciated the car show – I had a number of questions and compliments from them. This is also a nice way of thanking New Cassel for allowing us to use their facility during our winter meetings.

There are still a number of car events happening in September. I hope I will see you at a few of them (Westpoint and Nebraska City being among the largest car shows in Nebraska).

For those that were at the New Cassel Car Show, you had a chance to see my father’s 47 Chevy. Again, my father and I really appreciate all the club members’ help in completing the restoration. We could not have done it without everyone’s help.

See you in September.

John and Karen Thurber



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September Driving Tour – SATURDAY, September 16, 2023

We will be touring Andy Leach's CAL Automotive Creations in Bennington. Andy's cars have been shown at Pebble Beach Concours and have won numerous prizes at the largest street rod and hot rod events. Above are a few pictures of Andy's cars. **We will meet at Cabin Bar & Grill Parking lot 9226 Mormon Bridge Road (the intersection of Highway 36 and Mormon Bridge Road) between 8:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.** We will leave to go to Andy Leach's facility at 8:30 a.m. We should be done with the tour and lunch no later than noon for those that are going to the Nebraska Football game. Please bring a salad or dessert – we will be planning lunch at a park in Bennington. Also, please bring lawn chairs.

Show and Shine Car Show - A friend of Jerry Vincentini (Jordan Wrieth) is holding the final Show and Shine Car Show of the year from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 10th at the old Nobbies at 120th & Center. It looks like a fun, free event to attend.

Sunridge Village Car Show –Sunridge Village Retirement Community 13410 Blondo Street, is having a car show on Sunday, September 17th from noon to 2:00 p.m. Please plan to be there no later 11:15 a.m. if you would like to attend.

Inland Truck Parts Car Show – Inland Truck Parts 9944 S. 136 Street, is having a car show on September 28th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Free BBQ will be served along with a chance to win door prizes. Please contact Mathew Evans @ 402-331-1222 for more information.

October Driving Tour – Sunday, October 15, 2023

We will be visiting the Fontanelle Orchard in Fontanelle Nebraska (just north of Arlington, NE) just like last year. The club will be purchasing pie and ice cream for all the members that participate in our tour. More information on the time to meet in the October Steering Wheel. I hope to see you at our last driving tour of the year.

MEMBER NEWS

August Driving Tour – We met at New Cassel Retirement Center at 900 N. 90th Street, Omaha, from 1:00 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, August 26th for a car show. The members that attended include the following: John and Karen Thurber – 47 Chevrolet, Robert Thurber, 47 Chevrolet, Michael Thurber 66 Olds Toronado, Monte and Marj Frost, Clif Ellis - 51 Chevy, Ed and Janet Hedegaard - 49 Chevy, Tom and Gloria Kannas - 41 Buick, Frank and Elizabeth Van Doorn - 62 Studebaker, Jim and Cheryl Cushman - 39 Buick, Ed Anderson – 99 Plymouth Prowler, Max Meier – 63 Lincoln Continental and Tom Beringer – 29 Ford Model A. I am sorry if I missed anyone else that attended.

Seek And Support Your Local High School Car Show

[Matt Litwin](#), Hemmings Motor News 8/27/2023

Myths have a terrible habit of becoming mistaken for reality. Examples are bountiful, like that of film comedian W.C. Fields, who was said to have hidden a vast fortune under countless false names around the world—not true. A penny dropped from the top of the Eiffel Tower, or the Empire State Building, could kill someone—also not true. Field mice prefer cheese and houseflies live only 24 hours. You guessed it—neither is a factual statement. Add to that the still-common myth regarding the next generation’s little or no interest in vintage vehicles.

Dispelling such theoretical notions is not an easy feat, despite ample evidence to the contrary. A relevant instance: Hemmings Auctions managing editor Kurt Ernst and I just spent an afternoon with a group of students at Averill Park High School, in neighboring New York, where—upon the invitation from the school’s French teacher, Jeff Brown—we presided over a Judge’s Workshop for APHS’s second annual Import and Domestic Car Show. Allow me to back up for a moment.



We met Jeff several years ago when he attended one of our then-twice-monthly Thursday night cruise-ins with his 1986 Citroën CX ambulance. Though he is drawn to automotive examples from the French firm, he’s long championed the greater vintage vehicle community: From the experience of ownership and driving, to the comradery and learning that binds us all together.

When the APHS International Club began exploring new fundraising avenues for 2022, Jeff developed the idea of hosting an antique car show, the face of which—greeting car owners and judging the event—would be managed by volunteer students. Aside from the potential financial support, Jeff reasoned that it would be an opportunity for students to begin learning professional and social interaction with peers, and their willingness to volunteer would also count towards community service hours required at the time of graduation. Ideally, more than a few would take a greater interest in antique vehicles, too.

It was initially thought only a handful of volunteers would be needed; however, about 10 students quickly signed on, split almost evenly between boys and girls. Only a few had any prior interaction with vintage cars, while a couple students were already enrolled in the school’s three-year Auto Tech program. To further prepare the novice enthusiasts for the many facets and nuances of a judged car show—even with the dozen or so class trophies based on a “favorite” versus a point-based system—Jeff arranged a Judges Workshop to be presided over by his friends here at Hemmings. Suffice it to say, Kurt and I were eager to accept his invitation.

Without going into a tremendous amount of detail, we encouraged the students to first have fun and enjoy the sights and sounds of the variety of vintage rides they may see; to listen to car owners’ stories, discover the diversity of the car culture, and learn a bit of what makes the community tick. The faculty, Kurt, and I must have done something right. Roughly 125 cars descended upon the high school—far more than anticipated—and the students successfully embraced and managed a variety of situations, and every participant left happy. The impactful experience carried over to 2023, bringing us full circle to our most recent visit to APHS. We were happy to see several familiar faces eager to pick up where they left off 12 months prior, including one young alum who said she didn’t want to miss being a part of it.



The notion of students managing a good old-fashioned Saturday morning car show during the school year is hardly a new thing. Over the years, I've happened upon more than one such event while "on the road" for Hemmings in central Pennsylvania and on the Gulf Coast of Florida. In addition to Averill Park, I'll be adding one more to my 2023 schedule: a stop in my native Connecticut to participate in my niece's high school car show.

This season, seek and support the countless high school car shows organized and managed by eager next-gen enthusiasts, and like the students, take the time to have some fun, learn a thing or two, and encourage them to chase a dream of vintage vehicle stewardship.



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