



The Steering Wheel

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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,

We had a good time last month visiting CAL Automotive. I really appreciate the time that Andy Leach spent with us describing the cars he is working on and talking about how he got into the street rod business. It is remarkable how his business has grown and the superb quality of the cars that he and his team build. I look forward to seeing how his Maserati project comes out (with the Chevrolet double overhead cam straight six engine).

Also, a big thank to those that joined us on the tour. We ended up getting hit by a small thunderstorm on the way to Andy's shop. My vacuum wipers got quite a workout.

The October tour to the Fontanelle Orchard is our last driving tour of the year. Time sure does go by fast. I look forward to seeing everyone for a free piece of pie.

See you in October.

John and Karen Thurber

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October Driving Tour – Sunday, October 15

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. **Please meet at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 15, at the First National Bank of Omaha building at 204th & Maple Street.** The bank is located at the northeast corner of 204th & Maple - you can turn right off 204th Street onto Laramie Road which is just north of the bank, and curves around to the bank. We will be leaving to drive to Fontanelle Orchard at 1:30 p.m. Pies will be available to purchase for \$18 a pie. Please bring chairs to the tour. I hope to see you at our last driving tour of the year.

Southwest Iowa Car Cruise – Sunday, October 8 - Cruise will start at Intersection of Linden Street & Main Street in Elloit, Iowa and will leave at 9 a.m. and pass through 12 towns (156 miles). Registration is \$25. Contact Dave Gammell at 712-789-0155 or dgammell@netins.net if you have any questions.

November Indoor Tour

We are planning to hold our first indoor meeting on **Sunday, November 19 at 2:00 p.m. at New Cassell Retirement Center – 900 N. 90th Street, Omaha.** Please enter New Cassell in the lower North entrance. We will be having a vote for officers of the club. More information to come in the November Steering Wheel.

December Christmas Party

We are planning to hold our traditional end-of-year Christmas Party at the **Pizza King in Council Bluffs on Saturday, December 16th at 4 p.m.** More Information on the Christmas Party (including dinner selections, pricing, etc.) will be in the November Steering Wheel.

MEMBER NEWS

September Driving Tour – We met at Andy Leach's CAL Automotive Creations in Bennington. Andy showed us a number of cars that he is working on. We saw the 40 Ford and 59 Buick in the pictures below at his shop. I really appreciate Andy spending the time with us. The members that attended include the following: John Thurber – 47 Chevrolet, Robert Thurber, 47 Chevrolet, Michael Thurber 66 Olds Toronado, Clif Ellis – 67 Mustang, Ed Hedegaard - 49 Chevy, Tom and Gloria Kannas - Modern, Nate Bunch - 49 Ford, Roger Bunch - 52 Chevy, Jacob Bunch – 53 Ford, Dick and Pat Zuber – 56 Chevy Nomad. I am sorry if I missed anyone else that attended.



Memorial Service for Jimmy Petersen - Long-time MAAC member Jimmy Petersen died last year. Jimmy Petersen's grave site memorial service will be held this Friday, October 6 at Seward NE at the Mount Pleasant Cemetery 2519 Holdridge Road. Followship following at the Seward VFW Club after the service.

10 Tips For Storing Your Classic Car

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You do your best to keep your classic car looking pristine and running great. But all that work could be for naught if you don't store it in the right conditions – an especially important point for those who live where the winters get harsh.

Here are ten tips for storing your classic car.

1. Wash And Detail Prior To Storage

In addition to giving your car a thorough wash prior to storage, you ideally want to have it detailed from top to bottom, inside and out. Even a seemingly clean car will have a variety of debris particulates that can penetrate the various exterior surfaces of your car and also adversely affect the materials inside it. Detailing your car before putting it in storage will not only get it ultra-clean but will also help preserve it.

2. Opt For A Heated Storage Space

You know the effects that the elements can have on your classic car. Over time, the sun's UV rays can fade paint colors and breakdown rubber and vinyl. Rain and snow can promote rust and water spots, and extended exposure to water can also degrade the car's finish. But just because you store your vehicle indoors doesn't mean you've solved every potential problem. Oscillating temperatures can cause materials to expand and contract, gradually wreaking havoc on, for example, vinyl and leather. More generally, those varying temps cause wear and tear on various components of your car. By opting for a heated storage space, you can help keep your car in mint condition. How warm should you keep the space? Most auto experts agree that 50 degrees is the sweet spot. (Plus, you can tend to it all winter long without wearing long johns and a puffy coat.)

3. Design Your Building For More Than Just Storage

Your precious car's storage area could also include a workshop and maybe even a "man cave" with a bar, couch, television, and refrigerator. That way your heated storage building can double as a fun social space. The size and design of your building will depend on the number of cars you're storing, and on whether you'll have tool storage, a workbench, and other features such as a car platform or lift. Keep in mind that the possibilities for your building are vast.

4. Consider A Gravel Surface For An Unheated Building

Moisture can cause rust and mold, among other problems. So, if heated storage isn't in the cards, remember that moisture can also be tough to control in an unheated building. Storing your car on a gravel base instead of a concrete one can decrease the level of moisture inside an unheated space. Remember that new concrete takes one or two years to cure, which gives off a lot of moisture. Also, if the cured concrete absorbs any precipitation on its edges – whether from soil or rain – it can spread throughout the entire slab, adding excess moisture to the air in your building.

5. Park Your Vehicle On A Thick Sheet Of Plastic

If moisture is at all a concern, you can use a thick sheet of plastic or foam insulation as a moisture barrier. This can help prevent floor or ground moisture from destroying your car's underbody, exhaust system, and brake components.

6. Use Fuel Stabilizer

If you're storing your classic car with gas in it, make sure you add a fuel stabilizer to the gas tank. After you pour the stabilizer in, run your car for a few minutes (in the open air, not an enclosed building). This ensures the stabilizer gets distributed throughout the fuel system.

7. Keep Your Car's Moving Parts Lubricated

First, we recommend taking out your battery and storing it elsewhere. Use a trickle charger to keep it topped off. Then, once a month, put the battery back in and run the car for ten minutes or so (but not in an enclosed building). This keeps the pumps and other moving parts lubricated.

8. Ensure Adequate Ventilation

If you plan to paint, drain gas, or introduce other toxic fumes into the air of your storage space, make sure that it's

properly ventilated. You may want to put in powered ventilation based on the amount of fumes generated, particularly in a finished, insulated building. An uninsulated building should have a vented roof, vented eaves, and adequate window and door ventilation to ensure proper airflow, especially when working around toxic fumes.

9. Don't Forget About Floor Drainage

If possible, having floor drains in your storage building is a huge plus. One big reason is that you can now wash your car inside. If you should want (or need) to take your car out during the winter, you'll be able to conveniently wash off the corrosive salt elements immediately upon your return.

10. Choose A Pole Barn Building For More Space

How much room do you need to store your car? And how much room *might* you need in the future? If you have multiple cars to store or if you plan to stack cars using a lift or platform, you'll need extra space and interior height to accommodate standing work. Choosing a pole barn may be a better option than a conventional stick-frame building. (The same is true if, for example, you also want to store your boat in that space.) [Pole barns](#) are built with post-frame construction, which uses highly engineered, prefabricated laminated wooden posts as the main vertical framing element. That means interior load-bearing walls aren't required. That's one among many reasons why a pole barn can be more cost-effective if you want a taller, more expansive space than a typical garage. Consider Bringing All Your Favorite Things Under One Roof

We've covered a variety of tips for storing your classic car. But what if you could combine the storage space itself with your house? We're not talking about a run-of-the-mill house and attached garage. We mean a home with a unique blend of building features for people just like you. If that sounds like something you'd be interested in, make sure to learn more about the benefits of a [pole barn home](#), aka a shop house, or shouse. This type of building can conveniently bring together a living area and an expansive shop or garage space.



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