



# 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. 90<sup>th</sup> 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,

It was nice seeing everyone at our first tour of 2024. I am happy to announce that we had two new members join the MAAC during our April tour – Richard Wiese and Robert Yanders. We will have more information on the new members in upcoming Steering Wheel newsletters.

As we mentioned last month, we have a special tour in May. We have been asked by the preservation group PreserveOmaha to participate in a car show at the Joslyn Castle on Sunday, May 19 from noon to 5 p.m. This will be similar to the car show that Jerry Vincentini put on in that we will park in the grass around Joslyn Castle. Please look for specific information on the May event on the next page of the Steering Wheel.

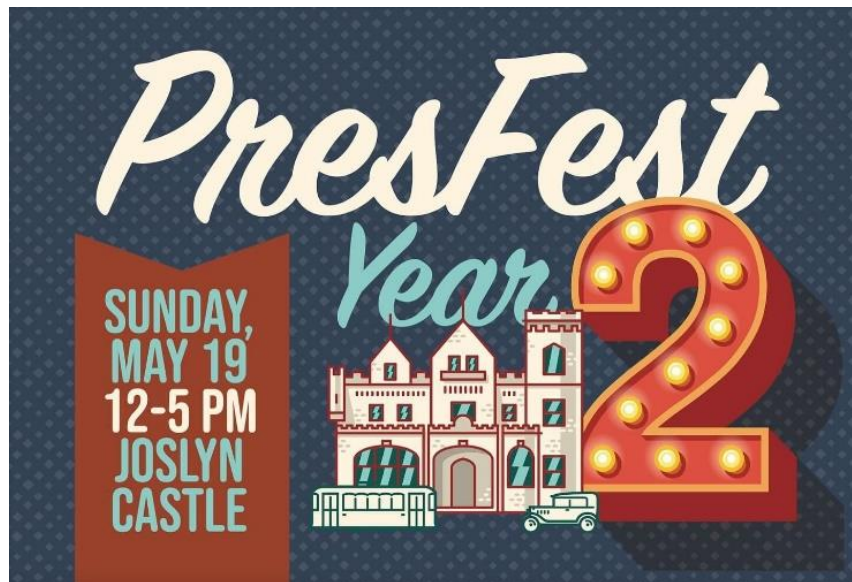
We hope to see you in May at Joslyn Castle.

John and Karen Thurber

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### May 19<sup>th</sup> Tour – Joslyn Castle Car Show

We have a special tour in May. We have been asked by the preservation group PreserveOmaha to participate in the PresFest car show at the Joslyn Castle (3902 Davenport Street) on Sunday, May 19 from noon to 5 p.m. PreserveOmaha will serve us lunch at the event. There will be food trucks, live music, walking tours, trolley tours, and of course amazing cars. Last year's car show had over 5,000 attendees. This will be similar to the car show that Jerry Vincentini put on in that we will park in the grass around Joslyn Castle. **Since the event starts at noon, we will be parking our cars from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Those members with older antique cars, please enter the event on the west 40th Street entrance to Joslyn Castle. Those members that drive modern cars can come to the event but will be parked at the east lot of Joslyn Castle. Please bring chairs to sit beside your cars.** More information on PreserveOmaha is found at <https://preserveomaha.org/>.



### June Driving Tour

More information on the June driving tour will be in next month's Steering Wheel.

### MEMBER NEWS

**April Driving Tour** - We had a great time at the April driving tour at the Hedegaard's house for food and seeing Ed's car collection. Ed has always something new in his car collection to show us and the food was outstanding. Attendees were Ed and Janet Hedegaard, 38 Chevy, Jim & Cheryl Cushman, 39 Buick, John & Karen Thurber, 47 Chevy, Michael Thurber, 66 Olds, Bob Thurber, Tom & Gloria Kannas, 1971 VW, Delmar Bunch, 69 Chevy, Roger & Eunice Bunch, 84 Olds Cutlass, Phillip Bunch, Nate Bunch, Jim and Donna Bunch, Ed and Sandy Anderson, Bob Yanders, 2022 Challenger, Max & Jane Meier, Clif Ellis, Monte and Marj Frost, Randall Lutes, Linda Baker. Rick Wiese, 57 Olds. Delmar Bunch won the split-pot winning \$26. I hope everyone enjoyed the tour.

### **Popular Mother's Day Gifts for Car Loving Moms Tara Hurlin – Hemmings Motor News - 05/07/2024**

Mother's Day is right around the corner, and we've gathered a list of gifts that even the coolest of car loving moms will love. This list covers some of the best gift ideas for mom that money can buy, not only for Mother's Day, but for the

holiday season, a birthday, or just simply to say, “I love you, Mom!” Without further ado, here is our hand-picked selection of favorite gifts for car moms.

### **Driving Sunglasses**

Oakley Holbrook Mix 9 sunglasses were voted in by GearJunkie.com as the best shades to wear for extreme glare for those sun filled summer drives. Priced at \$270.00, the Holbrook Mix 9 Mix Prizm lenses control light transmission, enhance contrast, and increase overall visibility. Also see these Retro SOJOS Classic Square Polarized Sunglasses on Amazon for an affordable, stylish option.

### **Professional Car Cleaning**

Life can be chaotic with the hustle and bustle of day-to-day responsibilities. Before you know it, several weeks (or months) pass and the family car is in dire need of detailing. Mother’s Day is the perfect time to steal mom’s keys and take her car in for a professional cleaning inside and out. A quick Google search for the best local car detailer in your area will guide you on where to book the appointment. Car detailing services can range anywhere between \$50 and \$150 depending on the size of the vehicle and the services you sign up for.

### **Fordite Jewelry**

Get mom jewelry that she has never seen before. Made from baked on overspray paint that would build up in vehicle factories, every polished piece of Fordite (or Motor Agate) features unique layers of colors and shapes. The techniques that produced these gems years ago are no longer in practice. Cars are now painted via an electrostatic process that magnetizes the enamels to the car bodies, so as time passes, Fordite will only become more rare. A quick search for Fordite Jewelry on Etsy will take you to many artists who make a wide variety of jewelry from Fordite, like earrings, necklaces, pins, and even rings.

### **Portable Coffee Maker**

A portable coffee maker is the perfect gift for moms on the go who depend on a little caffeine fix to get through the day. OutIn’s Nano Portable Espresso Machine boasts a quick heat up time that can accommodate cold water to make rich, silky smooth crema coffee on the go, whether in the car, on a work lunch break, or on an outdoor camping trip. It charges via a 12V or 24V Car Charger and USB Charger, making it easy to take anywhere. It’s regularly priced at \$149.99 and comes in Outin Teal, Space Grey, Forest Green, Pearl White, and Crimson Red.

### **Vehicle Emergency Kit**

A vehicle emergency kit is a necessary item everyone should have in their vehicle. Give your mother some peace of mind with an emergency kit that contains everything she could need, like the 104-piece Thrive Roadside Emergency Car Kit. The kit includes jumper cables, a mini first aid kit, a safety escape hammer, some basic tools, and more for \$49.99 on Amazon.

### **Vehicle Protection by WeatherTech**

WeatherTech offers a slew of products to help protect mom’s car from messes and wear. Custom fit floor liners and cargo/trunk liners allow for easy clean up and protect the carpets from wear and tear that is caused by daily life. Their seat back protectors will have her back when it comes to dirty little feet kicking the seat while the full seat protectors guard the vehicle’s upholstery from accidental spills. These items work perfect for dog moms, too!

### **Backup Camera and Dashcam in One**

The Wolfbox fits most vehicles by easily securing over the existing rearview mirror. When the backup camera display isn’t active, it still functions as a rearview mirror. It also features a built-in 4K dashcam. This backup camera and dashcam combination is regularly priced at \$197.99, but (at the time of this writing) it is currently on sale for \$101.99 on Amazon.



## **Baby Backseat Camera**

Help the new mom in your life drive safely with a backseat camera that will help her keep an eye on her precious cargo without turning her head around and away from the road ahead. The highly-rated DoHonest Baby Car Camera offers a 360 degree rotating eye and night vision that can monitor up to two kids in the backseat for a regular retail price of \$32.99 (currently on a limited-time sale for \$26.98.)

## **Back Massaging Car Seat Cover**

Dad might also want to get in on this. Driving has never been so relaxing with a heated COMFIER Shiatsu Neck Back Massager, featuring a full body neck and body massage experience made possible by the innovative 2D/3D Finger Pressure Shiatsu, rolling, compression, vibration and heat functions. The chair massager features soft rolling massage along the spine, and the width between two massage heads can be adjusted to fit the body. A spot massage function allows the user to select one area for pin-point relaxation. The Comfier back massager retails for \$199.88 on Amazon and can also be used in the office or at home.

## **Musclepalooza Trip**

Let's go racing! What better gift to give mom than quality time with the family at a car event. Put mom in the driver's seat of her muscle car or race car so she can show off her racing skills, or if she's a first-timer interested in trying out some passes down the quarter-mile, Musclepalooza also offers a test-and-tune class. Aside from hanging out around the drag strip, The Hemmings-hosted event also features a judged car show with trophies and payouts for the top winners, burnout contests, a chassis dyno shootout, an exhaust "Rev Battle" competition, and an audio system sound-off, all of which will have trophies and payouts for winners. Activities may vary between events. Check out the 2024 event dates and get more details here.



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