



The Steering Wheel

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Newsletter of the Midwest Antique Auto Club

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Dedicated to the preservation of the antique/collectible automobile.

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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,

I am sorry that we had some rain for our May event at the PresFest at Joslyn Castle. I really appreciate those car owners that did show up for the event. I took a few pictures of our attendees – they are shared on the next page. We had a nice lunch and the sprinkles didn’t ruin the event for those that attended.

Nate Bunch works for a company that provides logos on shirts, cups and banners. Nate was generous enough to prepare some pullover shirts, t-shirts and travel mugs with the Midwest Antique Auto Club logo and name. I will be taking orders for shirts and cups over the next month. Please let me know if your interested in purchasing the items. I really appreciate Nate providing the examples and setting the the printing of our logo on the items.

We hope to see you at our tour in June.

John and Karen Thurber



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 16th Tour – Bayliss Park

We will be visiting Bayliss Park in Council Bluffs to see the fountains and flowers on Father's Day. We will meet on Sunday, June 16th at Mt. Vernon Gardens Park at 6011 S. 13th Street, Omaha at 1:00 p.m. and leave on our tour at 1:30 p.m. We will be driving to Bayliss Park at 100 Pearl Street in Council Bluffs for a picnic lunch. Please bring chairs. Members with a last name starting with A–L, please bring a salad. Members with a last name starting with M–Z, please bring a dessert. I hope to see everyone on June 16th.

July Driving Tour

We will be meeting at Jack and Susan Lorsch's home at 6755 County Road 25 in Kennard NE at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 13th for car show. Food starts at 4 p.m. Please bring lawn chairs. More information to come in the July Steering Wheel.

MEMBER NEWS

June Driving Tour – Thank you for everyone that showed up for the PresFest event at the Joslyn Castle. Although we had a little rain in the afternoon, the event went on and we had a nice lunch provided by PresFest. Attendees were Ed and Janet Hedegaard, 38 Chevy and 49 Chevy, Jim & Cheryl Cushman, 39 Buick, John & Karen Thurber, 47 Chevy, Michael Thurber, 66 Olds, Bob Thurber and Scot Shales, 47 Chevy Convertible, Tom & Gloria Kannas, 41 Buick, , Roger & Eunice Bunch 52 Chevy, Nate Bunch and family 69 Chevy, Clif Ellis 52 Chevy, Rick Wiese, 32 Chevy, and Lance and Aleta Sulentic. I hope everyone enjoyed the event.

MAAC Items for Sale - As I mentioned early, Nate Bunch works for Echo Group (we took a tour of Echo's Council Bluff's facility a couple of years ago). Nate has generously provided examples of pullover shirts, t-shirts and travel mugs with the Midwest Antique Auto Club logo printed on the items (see pictures below).



The blue pullover collared shirt is \$30 for Small to 4XL. The grey travel mug (with the MAAC logo) is \$20. The grey t-shirt is \$20 for Small to 4XL. Please send me an email at jthurber971@gmail.com if you are interested in purchasing an item. I would like to have a minimum of order 20 items for Nate to move forward with preparing the items. Please let me know by the end of June if you are interested in purchasing the items.

Items for sale

Richard LeCluc 402-292-3036 has 1961 Buick LaSabre 4 door fenders and trim pieces for sale. Please contact him if you are interested.

Watch a Modern-Day Ford Dealership Work on a Vintage 1915 Model T **[Tara Hurlin](#) – Hemmings Motor News 5/31/24**



The very first Ford Model T was assembled on September 27, 1908, at the Piquette plant in Detroit. The company made 15,007,033 Model T cars over its 19-year span, which ended in 1927. Over that period, Henry Ford refined vehicle assembly production procedures and transformed America's automobile from a rich person's status symbol to an affordable machine for hardworking men and women and a family vehicle for the general public

Nearly 100 years after the last Ford Model T left the assembly line, it's nearly impossible to find a dealership (or any mechanics for that matter) that will have the know-how to work on these vintage vehicles, but TFLclassics

located a dealer that was willing to give its 1915 Model T an oil change. The real challenge was getting the vintage car there.

The Ford dealer located in Brighton, Colorado was 45 minutes away, according to modern GPS technology that bases its estimates on modern vehicles. The TFLclassics team quickly discovered how dangerous it can be to drive a Model T between 27 and 33 miles per hour on today's fast-paced highways.

Thankfully, once the Model T arrived at the dealership, the oil change was a simple procedure. In the video, the technician noted that his benchmark for vehicle safety revolves around whether he would send his wife out in the car. In this case, he deemed the Model T perfectly safe for a cruise around the block.

https://youtu.be/4vKDKC_8ncQ

This day was an extra special treat for this dealership's automotive technician. Seeing a Ford Model T cruising down the road in this day and age is increasingly rare. In late-2023, a family [drove a 103-year-old Ford Model T](#) from coast to coast to raise awareness for Hydrocephalus. Earlier this year, the Museum of American Speed [announced its plans](#) to drive a 1924 Ford Model T from coast-to-coast in celebration of the ten-millionth Model T's 100th anniversary.



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