



# The Steering Wheel

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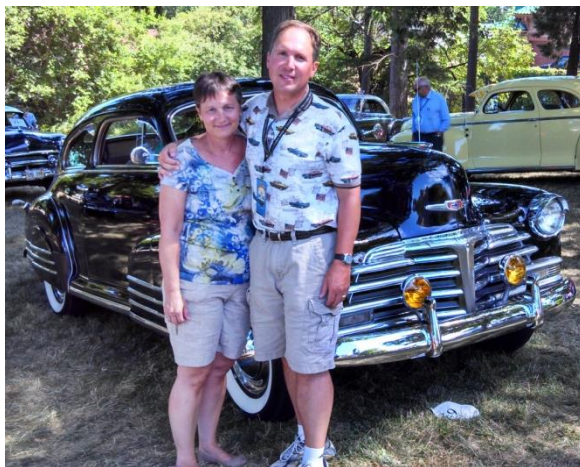
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Meetings are held on the third Sunday of each month. The Board meets at 1:30 p.m. and the general meeting begins at 2:00 p.m. during the months of November, January, February and March at the **NEW CASSEL RETIREMENT CENTER at 900 N. 90<sup>th</sup> 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,

I hope you are enjoying the warm weather and going to the final few car shows. I encourage you to take advantage of the nice weather and drive your old car while the weather permits.

My father, brother, son and wife Karen all went to the Woodbine Iowa car show at the end of September. It is a great show with over 400 cars participating and approximately 100 vendors selling various crafty items. I was happy to see both my father and brother win trophies at the show. If you get a chance, I would encourage you to participate in the show next year. I took a few pictures of from the show on the next page.

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.

John and Karen Thurber



## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **October Driving Tour – Sunday, October 20**

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 20, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church at 204<sup>th</sup> & Maple Street.** The church is located at the northwest corner of 204<sup>th</sup> & Maple - you can turn right off Maple Street just west of the church to enter the parking lot. We will be driving past Elk City on our trip to Fontanelle Orchard. 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 13 - Cruise will start at Intersection of Linden Street & Main Street in Elloitt, 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](mailto:dgammell@netins.net) if you have any questions.

### **November Indoor Tour**

We are planning to hold our first indoor meeting on **Sunday, November 17 at 2:00 p.m. at New Cassell Retirement Center – 900 N. 90<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 Pizza King in Council Bluffs for a trip to the Lincoln Monument, Fairview Cemetery, the Kinsman War Memorial and Lewis and Clark Lookout Monument. The members that attended include the following: John and Karen Thurber – 47 Chevrolet, Michael Thurber – 66 Olds Toronado, Monte and Marj Frost, Barb Patterson, Ed Hedegaard – 61 Chevy, Tom and Gloria Kannas – 71 Volkswagen, Lance & Aleta Sulentic – 2005 Mustang, Jim and Cheryl Cushman - Modern, Chuck and Lola Christensen – Modern, Max Meier – 63 Lincoln, Roger Bunch – 94 Buick. I am sorry if I missed anyone else that attended.

## **10 Tips For Storing Your Classic Car** **[Bret Buelo Marketing Director, Wick Buildings](#)**

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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