



The Steering Wheel

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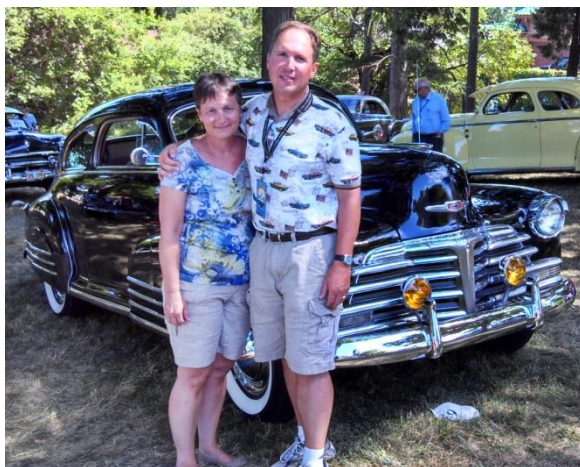
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Meetings are held on the third Sunday of each month. The Board meets at 1:30 p.m. and the general meeting begins at 2:00 p.m. during the months of November, January, February and March at the **NEW CASSEL RETIREMENT CENTER at 900 N. 90th St., Omaha,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

I am sorry that we ended up cancelling the February meeting at New Cassel. A number of our Board members were ill and the weather didn't look good for traveling to the event. The good news is that we are planning to have BINGO at our March indoor event along with Ed's famous corned beef, cabbage and potatoes. We should have a great event in March with hopefully warmer weather.

As you know my dad, brothers and I recently completed my father's 1947 Chevrolet Convertible with the exception of the power hydraulic pump. We finally heard that the pump repairs are complete (after over a year in the shop). We will hopefully install the pump over the next month to complete the restoration.

We hope to see you for BINGO at our March meeting at New Cassel.

John and Karen Thurber

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 16th Indoor Tour

This is the second official indoor meeting of the season. Please join us at New Cassel (900 N. 90th Street) on March 16th at 2 p.m. to celebrate an early St. Patrick's Day! **Please bring a green desert or salad.** Ed will be serving his famous Corned Beef and Cabbage (and potatoes). **We will be having BINGO at this meeting.** Please remember to enter using the lower north entrance to the facility and if you are not feeling well, please stay home.

2025 MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE -They are still \$25.00. If you didn't pay you membership dues as part of the Holiday Banquet registration form, please send payment to Jim Cushman at 1901 No. 59th Street Omaha, NE 68104

March 7-9, 2025 World of Wheels – CHI Center, Omaha.

The 70th annual Omaha World of Wheels at the CHI Health Center, showcasing America's Finest Hot Rods, Custom Cars, Trucks & Motorcycles. March 7-9, 2025. The Classic Chevy Club may have a couple of cars entered into the event.

April 13, 2025 Wahoo, NE —Swap Meet,

The Wahoo Swap Meet Spring 2023 will be held on Sunday, April 13 at 635 E 1st St, Wahoo, NE 68066 (1 Mile East on 1st Street from the Junction of Hwy. 77 & 92) - Rain or Shine - Gates Open by 7:00 AM - Free Parking for Non-Vendors.

Tentative First Driving Tour of 2025 - April 27th

We will have our first outdoor tour of 2025 visiting the Hedegaard's home in Underwood IA. We need to move our normal event date due to Easter being on April 20th. More information on the tour starting point and time in next month's Steering Wheel.

MEMBER NEWS

February Indoor Meeting Cancelled - I am sorry to report that the February Indoor Tour was cancelled due to a number of people being ill and the extremely cold weather. Sorry for the last-minute cancellation.

Donald Fey – Donald Fey, former long-term MAAC member passed away in February. There was a private service for Don. Please keep the Fey family in your thoughts and prayers.

Seven Crucial Mistakes When Installing Weatherstripping

By [Jesse Kiser](#), Hemmings Motor News

From direct fit parts to custom builds, Steele Rubber Products has helped thousands of customers determine exactly what they need to seal their projects, and they genuinely enjoy doing it. With over 60 years of experience, they've learned valuable lessons. To help others avoid common mistakes, they've compiled a "What Not to Do" list. Here are seven crucial mistakes to avoid when installing weatherstripping:

Throwing Away Originals

This is the most important piece of advice Steele can offer: Do NOT throw away the original weatherstripping parts until it's certain that replacements are available and fit correctly. It's easy to discard old parts, but once they're gone, recreating them becomes difficult. The new parts should always be compared to the originals, and a test fit should be done before discarding anything. If no suitable replacement exists, the original parts might still be the best option until a better one is found.

Not Prepping the Gluing Surface

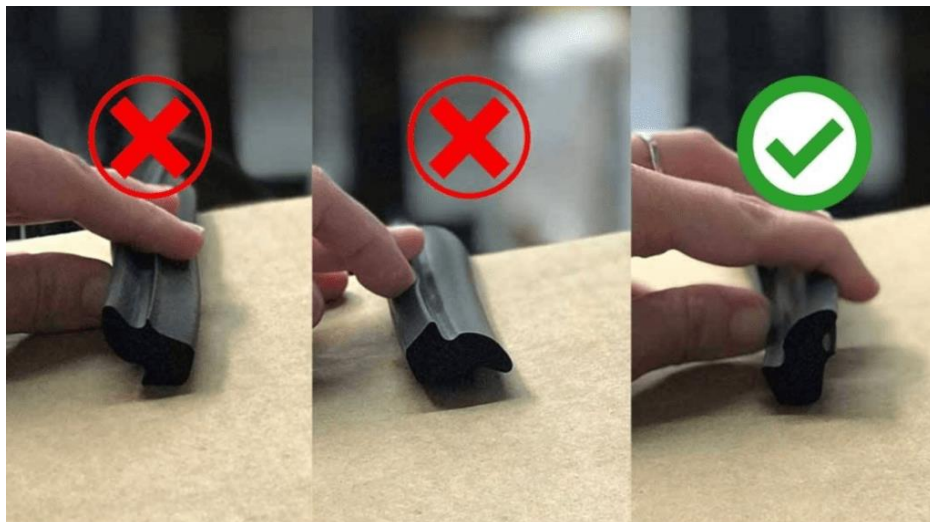
Proper surface preparation is essential. While it may seem tedious to scrape off dried adhesive and rubber, a clean surface is key for a strong bond. Dirt, old adhesive, or debris will negatively affect the adhesive's ability to stick. The old materials should be removed, and the surface should be wiped down with an alcohol pad to ensure it is completely clean. This creates the best conditions for adhesion.

Skipping the Test Fit

Before gluing in the new weatherstrip, a test fit should always be done. This step ensures the new part lines up correctly before it's permanently attached. The weatherstrip should be held in place without gluing, using masking tape if necessary. For trunk or door weatherstripping, the door or trunk should be closed on the strip to ensure proper fit. Testing beforehand avoids the need to remove and reinstall the strip if issues arise later.

Not Double-Checking the Correct Orientation for the Seal

Some weatherstrips come in unusual shapes, making it hard to tell which side should face the gluing surface. Always double-check the orientation before installation. Steele provides instructions with their weatherstrips, and additional guidance is available on their website. If installed incorrectly, the weatherstrip won't seal properly and may funnel water into the vehicle instead of away from it.



Using Too Much Adhesive

More [adhesive](#) does not equate to a stronger bond. In fact, excessive adhesive can cause the weatherstrip to shift before it dries. A thin, even coat should be applied to both surfaces. One coat should be applied, left to dry until tacky, then a second coat should be applied before sticking the strip down. This method ensures a quicker drying time, and the adhesive will fully cure within 24 hours.



Shutting the Door or Trunk While the Adhesive is Still Wet

After all the work, it's tempting to shut the door or trunk immediately. However, the adhesive needs about 24 hours to fully cure. If the weatherstrip is disturbed before it sets, it could shift out of place, compromising the seal and allowing water in. The adhesive must be allowed to cure completely before using the doors or trunk.

Rushing Through the Job

Weatherstripping is often one of the final steps in a restoration project, and the urge to rush is strong. However, hurrying through this step can lead to bigger problems later. Time should be taken to do it right the first time. A properly installed weatherstrip will keep the vehicle dry and quiet for years to come.



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