



The Steering Wheel

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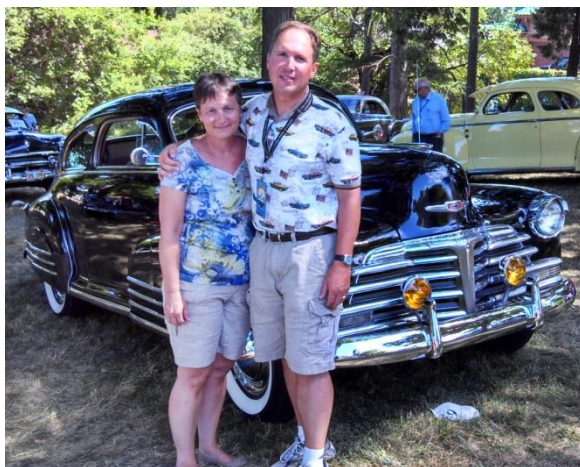
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Meetings are held on the third Sunday of each month. The Board meets at 1:30 p.m. and the general meeting begins at 2:00 p.m. during the months of November, January, February and March at the **NEW CASSEL RETIREMENT CENTER at 900 N. 90th St., Omaha,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

It was great to see everyone in April in their old cars for our first driving tour of the year. I can't thank Ed and Janet Hedegaard enough for their hospitality in hosting our club each year. They always have great food and we get to see Ed and Janet's new car purchases (and Ed's Car Collection).

We recently had some new members join our group. One new member, Rich Wiese, let me know about an event at Ft. Dodge IA. We are always looking for new places to hold driving tours. If you have a suggestion, please let me or Ed know. It doesn't have to be car related – just a nice place to vice with

our group.

We hope to see you in May at our next tour.

John and Karen Thurber

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Second Driving Tour – May 18, 2025 – Joslyn Art Museum

We will meet at Joslyn Art Museum - 2200 Dodge Street, Omaha on **May 18, 2025** for a free tour of the museum's recent renovation. **We will meet no later than 1:45 p.m. – our tour starts at 2:00 p.m. sharp.** Parking is north of the museum from either 24th Street or Dodge Street. We will have a short driving tour after our museum visit with a picnic lunch after 3 p.m. Members with the last name beginning with A-M, please bring a salad, members with the last name ending with N-Z please bring a dessert.

Ft. Dodge IA Frontier Days – June 6-8, 2025

The Fort Museum and Frontier Village in Fort Dodge, IA is celebrating Frontier Days June 6-8, with special recognition of the 175th anniversary of the establishment of Fort Dodge, the US Army Outpost from which our city takes its name. The fun begins Friday evening with an opening ceremony, followed by food, games, entertainment (including live music), and the Pioneer Market featuring unique, handcrafted goods. Saturday begins with the 50th Annual Frontier Days Parade, with over 130 entries proceeding through downtown Fort Dodge. For more information, please contact <https://www.fortmuseumfv.com/>.

June Driving Tour – June 14, 2025

We are planning our third driving tour on June 14 with a car show at New Cassel Retirement Center, 900 N. 90th Street, Omaha. The car show will start at 1 p.m. More information on the in next month's Steering Wheel.

Lorsch Show and Shine Car Show – June 21, 2025

Jack and Susan Lorsch will be holding their annual show and shine car show at their home at 6755 County Road 25 in Kennard NE from 1:00 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 21. Jim and Susan will provide food for the club. The food starts at 4 p.m. Please bring lawn chairs.



MEMBER NEWS

April Driving Tour – We had great attendance for our first driving tour of the year to Ed and Janet Hedegaard's home in Underwood IA. I really appreciate Ed for making the food and showing us his car collection. Attendees included John & Karen Thurber – 47 Chevy, Michael Thurber – 66 Olds Toronado, Bob Thurber – 47 Chevy Convertible, Ed and Janet Hedegaard – 39 Chevy, Lance and Aleta Sulentic – 05 Ford Mustang, Cliff Ellis – 67 Mustang, Dave and Ester Miller – 31 Model A, Delmar Bunch – 69 Chevy, Nate and Megan Bunch – Modern, Tom and Gloria Kannas -71 Volkswagen, Bob and Bettie Yanders - 24 Nissan Z, Richard Wiese - 84 Corvette.

Seeking Advice For Setting Up My Home Garage

By David LaChance, Hemmings Motor News

I've given myself a pretty big job, but it's one that I'm glad to tackle. For the first time in the better part of three years, I have a garage of my own to outfit, improve, and organize.

This has been a long time coming. When we sold our house in the hills of western Massachusetts and headed off to Maine three years ago, we decided to rent an apartment for a while, to see if we liked it here before making a big commitment. We did. The thing of it is, lots and lots of people have decided that they'd like to move to Maine, too, making this one of the tougher markets for buyers. We were lucky to find a nice, small, move-in-ready Cape that we could afford that was not too far from the many delights of Portland and, importantly, came with a detached two-car garage.

The garage, as the real estate agents like to say, has potential. The people who lived here before us used it to park their two cars and store their many pieces of lawn equipment and a truly impressive collection of outdoorsy gear, and so the single light bulb for illumination and paltry two electrical outlets were fine for their needs. But I have other ideas in mind, ideas that involve torque wrenches and air compressors and maybe a blast cabinet.

I've never read a better definition of a home garage than the one written by our editor, Mike McNessor, who said, "It's a safe haven. A creative space. A place for building, maintaining and admiring your dream vehicle or vehicles. Somewhere to hone skills, solve problems or to just sit quietly and think things over." He wrote that in advance of our recent 12-page special feature on home garages, which featured photos of several of our readers' shops, along with their descriptions of how they did what they did. As someone who's staring at a concrete floor and four wood-framed walls, I'm grateful for all the inspiration. But where to start?

The walls are your basic 2-by-4 stud construction, with blocking added at 2-foot intervals. The exterior is shiplap siding, oriented vertically, with little gaps here and there that let the light and the breezes through. There's plenty of natural light and ventilation, with two windows on the northeast wall, a door and a window on the southwest wall, and a window next to the garage door on the southeast side. Since I'm probably going to want to insulate the place at some points, maybe this is my starting point—beginning with caulking up those gaps in the boards. Better now than after I've started putting cabinets, benches, and shelves in.

Or should I start by looking up? Someone built a second-level storage space, but the joists look a little undersized and too far apart to my non-carpenter's eye. (The house inspector thought so, too.) From experience, I know that the last thing I need is a place to accumulate more broken parts and pieces that go to automobiles that I no longer own, and probably never will again. So, shoring that up seems like a lower priority.

What about the electrical service? I lived with four bare lightbulbs in the past, and I'd like to do better this time around. I like the idea of LED lighting for its low power consumption, but I don't know if it's suited to

cold temperatures—an important point in an area well known for its long and deep winters. A consultation with an electrician is probably in order. Come to think of it, the electrician would probably prefer to install the lighting and electrical outlets before the insulation and drywall go up.

And then there's the floor. This is a simple concrete slab, and it has a couple of pretty good cracks running through it. The house inspector suggested cleaning out the cracks and filling them with hydraulic cement to prevent further damage—I'm told that the cracks fill with water, which then freezes in cold weather and widens the crack. Once I've got that straightened out, I can think about what kind of surface I'd like; after all, I'll be spending a lot of time down there, fiddling with brakes and suspension bits. (A lift isn't in the plans, but I'm not ruling one out down the line.)

I'll be tackling all of this as time and finances allow, and I'd like to figure out a good game plan, rather than falling back on my usual two steps forward, one step back approach. Do you readers who've taken on similar projects have any advice? Are there things you wish you'd done differently, or maybe even never done at all? I'd love to hear from you.

In the meantime, I'm looking forward to honing my skills, solving problems, and sitting quietly to think things over in this new place. I'll let you know how it goes.



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