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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 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 (which includes Ed’s famous corned beef, cabbage and potatoes) and we get to see Ed and Janet’s new car purchases (and Ed’s Car Collection).

We are always looking for new places to hold driving tours. If you have a suggestion, please let me, Ed or Lance know. It doesn’t have to be car related – just a nice place to vice with our group.

We hope to see everyone in May.

John and Karen Thurber

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May Driving Tour – Glenwood IA - Sunday, May 17, 2026

We are planning our second driving tour on Sunday, May 17 with a tour to Glenwood IA to visit the Mills County Historical Museum. We will have a picnic lunch after visiting the museum at the city park. **We will meet on May 17 at 1:00 p.m. at Lewis Central Middle School in Council Bluffs at 3820 Harry Langdon Blvd. (the same location that we met last year).** We will leave at 1:30 p.m. for the tour to Glenwood. For those members with last names starting with A-M, please bring a salad, for those members with last names starting N-Z, please bring a dessert. Please bring lawn chairs.

June Driving Tour – June 21, 2026

We will have our third driving tour of the year on June 21, 2026. More information on the tour starting point and time in next month's Steering Wheel.

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 and Janet for making the food and showing us his car collection. Attendees included John Thurber – 47 Chevy, Michael Thurber – 66 Olds Toronado, Jim & Cheryl Cushman – 39 Buick, Ed and Janet Hedegaard – 39 Chevy, Lance and Aleta Sulentic – 48 Chevy Truck, Cliff Ellis – 51 Chevy, Dave and Ester Miller – 31 Model A, Bill Hronek – 47 Chrysler, Tom and Gloria Kannas -71 Volkswagen, Bob and Mary Yanders - 24 Nissan Z, Ed Anderson – 99 Prowler, John Clark – 2006 Corvette, Max & Jane Meier – Modern, Richard and Pat Zuber – Modern, Don Schwalm – Modern, Ron & Ann Glowens.

Vintage Wheels at the Fort - I am pleased to announce that Vintage Wheels at Fort Omaha is returning in 2026. It is the annual classic car show hosted by the Meadowlark Model A Ford Club and the Douglas County Historical Society at Fort Omaha. The event is currently scheduled for August 9, 2026. More information to come in a future Steering Wheel newsletter.

5 Mistakes To Avoid When Storing Your Classic Car

By [Bret Buelo Marketing Director, Wick Buildings](#)—

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Owning a classic car means preserving a piece of history. Whether it is a weekend cruiser, a show car, or a long-term restoration project, how you store it plays a major role in maintaining its value and condition. Unfortunately, many collectors make storage mistakes that can quietly damage their vehicles over time. Here are five of the most common mistakes to avoid when storing your classic car.

Mistake #1: Storing Your Car in a Damp or Humid Space

Moisture is one of the biggest enemies of classic vehicles. Storing your car in a damp building or

poorly ventilated garage can lead to rust, corrosion, and deterioration of metal components. Humidity also damages upholstery, electrical systems, and interior finishes. A proper storage building should be dry and well ventilated so moisture cannot accumulate on the vehicle's surfaces.

Mistake #2: Leaving Your Car Exposed to Temperature Swings

Extreme temperature changes can cause serious long-term damage to classic cars. Rapid shifts between hot and cold conditions create condensation on metal surfaces, which can lead to rust. Consistent indoor conditions help protect paint, rubber seals, and mechanical components. A properly insulated building with the ability to add heating or ventilation systems helps maintain a stable environment year-round.



Mistake #3: Trying to Store Your Car in a Cramped Garage

Many collectors underestimate how much space they actually need. Tight garages make it difficult to move around the vehicle, perform maintenance, or store tools and equipment. Buildings designed with clear-span construction provide wide, open interiors without interior support walls. This allows owners to [store multiple vehicles](#) comfortably and even add lifts or work areas when needed.

Mistake #4: Choosing a Building That Cannot Be Customized

Classic car owners often need more than just a parking space. Many want room for a workshop, restoration area, or hobby space connected to their storage building. If the structure is not designed with flexibility in mind, it can limit how you use the building in the future. Customizable building designs allow owners to incorporate workspaces, hobby areas, and other features that support their automotive passion.

Mistake #5: Using a Building That Is Not Built for Long-Term Protection

Some garages and storage sheds simply are not designed for long-term vehicle preservation. Poor structural design, limited ventilation options, and a lack of insulation can make it difficult to maintain the right environment. A [well-engineered building](#) provides the durability and adaptability needed to protect valuable vehicles for years to come.



Avoid the Mistakes with the Right Building

Proper classic car storage requires more than basic shelter. It demands space, environmental control, and a building designed to support your needs as a collector. [Post-frame buildings](#) provide clear-span interiors, customizable layouts, and the ability to incorporate insulation, ventilation, and climate control. For many enthusiasts, that combination makes them an ideal solution for protecting classic cars and preserving them for future generations.



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