

WAUKESHA OLD CAR CLUB

Spark and Sputter



December 2017 / January 2018

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*The purpose of the club shall be
to promote the interest of automobiles
for the enjoyment of its members*



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Membership Dues

Membership dues are \$40.00 per year. Dues are due on February 15 of each year. Members receive a 50% discount on dues by working a minimum 4 hours for the club throughout the year. Members who have not paid their dues by the due date will not receive credit for hours worked and will have their name removed from the club roster.

Club Meetings

The club membership meets at 7:30pm the second Monday of the month at Fox Run Lanes in Waukesha. The Board typically meets 45 minutes prior to the member meeting.

Spark and Sputter

The club newsletter, *Spark and Sputter*, is published 6 times per year on the even numbered months. The deadline for articles and pictures for the newsletter is 2 weeks prior to the newsletter being published. Send items to be published in the newsletter to Bob Merner at romer512@gmail.com

Waukesha Old Car Club

Christmas Parade Participants

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|--------------------|-----------------|
| ◆ Bob Baier | ◆ Roy Rathke |
| ◆ Matteo Daddato | ◆ Mel Stark |
| ◆ Chuck Gilpatrick | ◆ Jim Stein |
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Dune Buddy DMV Issue Resolved per Message from Paul Underwood

Just when you'd gotten to wondering what we've been up to, we've got some terrific news to share for Thanksgiving!

As many of you are aware, dune buggies in Wisconsin have had registration problems for many years. For the most part, this effected dune buggies that still had an original Volkswagen (WV) title. In many cases, they were not able to pass the equipment inspection that DMV required, and were then parked or sold.

Following a rather protracted "discussion", DMV has created a policy that allows lifetime Hobbyist registration of fiberglass-bodied dune buggies for on-road use.

Effective immediately, the owner of a fiberglass-bodied dune buggy with a valid title indicating VW can apply for Hobbyist Reconstructed registration (must include title, but photos are not needed) and will receive an inspection authorization letter indicating that the equipment inspection is for the model-year of the base VW. Once inspected (& passed), the vehicle qualifies for Hobbyist plates and will be titled as "RECON" with the year first titled for a model-year, and be title-branded with both "RECONSTRUCTED" plus the base vehicle ID info.

This doesn't mean you can run an illegal vehicle, it still needs to meet all Wisconsin equipment requirements in Ch. 347 and TRANS-305 that would apply to another VW of that same year. But you'll no longer be expected to meet current-year equipment requirements such as air-bags, etc. (Please note: This does not apply to "sand rails" nor "dune buggy amusement rides".)

For those interested in more details, I have attached quotes from DMV's correspondence below. Further documentation is available upon request.

Please pass this email and info along to all fellow car enthusiasts, you never know who will have a dune buggy tucked away. Let us know if you have questions about a specific problem, if you have problems with DMV. We want to see this work, for both you and DMV.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all!

Paul (& Tom)

Applications for registration for a fiberglass-bodied dune buggy with a VW title will be required to pass an inspection for the equipment standards of the base vehicle on which the fiberglass-body/dune buggy is placed (built). If the base vehicle is a 1970 VW, the equipment standards for a 1970 VW would apply.



2017 Christmas Parade

Waukesha Old Car Club Membership Meeting October 9, 2017

The meeting was called to order . The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officers and Board members were introduced.

President's Report: Jerry Kawatski was unable to attend the meeting.

Vice President's Report: Steve Heinemann reported that the Fall Tour to Elmer's Toy Museum had a very low turn out. He reported that the club received thank you letters from the Scholarship recipients. He is looking for speakers for the meetings, and is also looking for ideas for My Garage events. If you have any ideas contact him.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Young did summary report on the results of the car show. We had a good weather which resulted in a good turn out and the food and beer sales went well.

Secretary's Report: Mel Stark read the minutes from the September meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Committee Reports

Sunshine Committee: Had no report.

West Allis Car Show: The West Allis Car show was held October 1. It is a very popular event. The show was scheduled to start at 10am. It was reported that cars were lining up at 6:30am and they stopped letting cars in at 8:30am. We had 3 club members who attended.



Perfect weather brought out large crowds to view the cars on display at the West Allis Car Show on Greenfield Avenue

Showing their cars were Jim Young, Harry Rozanski, and Victor Perugini

Waukesha Old Car Club Membership Meeting November 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order .

Officers and Board members were introduced.

President's Report: Jerry Kawatski talked about the Fall Tour, only Dale and he went on it. Due to the lack of interest this may have been the last one.

Vice President's Report: Steve Heinemann said that he is collecting dues and asks that you let him know of any changes that you want to make to your information in the roster. He said that this year our parade position is #29.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Young gave a report of income and expenses for the month of October. He said that he has applied for the permit to use the park for next year. In addition to the rental of the park the city charges the club a per car fee. Next years show will be the second Sunday in August. The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Secretary's Report: Mel Stark read the minutes from the October meeting, the minutes were approved as read.

Committee Reports

Sunshine Committee: Kathy Jones received a new kidney. We have not heard how she is doing. We wish her well.

Frame Park Car Show: There was discussion regarding the registration fee for the show. It was voted on that the registration fee be raised from \$12.00 to \$15.00. The reasoning is that we are one of the few shows that gives free tee shirts to participants who preregister. Participants who don't preregister will still pay \$15.00 but will not receive a free shirt. We learned that ***El Rey and the Nightbeats*** will be coming back again next year to perform at the car show.

Halloween Party: There are no plans for a Halloween Party this year.

Waukesha Christmas Parade: The Waukesha Christmas Parade will be November 19, 2017. The parade starts at 4:00pm.



Trivia Question

What was a US6?

197,678 were produced.

Were manufactured from 1941 to 1945.

The design was copied and some were built in Soviet factories.

When completed they were loaded onto rail cars and transported to the west coast then loaded on ship and transported via the Persian Corridor to Russia under the Lend-Lease program.

The engine of choice was the Hercules JXD because it could run on different octane fuels.

It had a Warner 5 speed manual transmission.

It was also used in the construction of the Burma Road.

Thirteen variations were built.

197,678 were built at South Bend IN plant, while 22,204 were built at the REO plant in Chicago.

Joseph Stalin sent a letter of appreciation in which he thanked the US for the superb quality of the US6.

The Russian's called it "Studer".

The Russian's liked it because of it's enclosed cab..

Production ended in July of 1945,

What was it?



The STUDEBAKER 2 ½ TON TRUCK

Nonagenarian recalls opening day at Crites Field

WAUKESHA — A sense of pride remains for 92-year-old Melvin Stark of Waukesha, whose father was a carpenter and one of the men who helped construct the Waukesha County Airport's first hangar, which still stands today.

This picture, shot with an old box camera, is of Melvin and his three brothers on Sunday, Aug. 18, 1935, the day the airport opened. From left to right are his oldest brother Bill (13), Dale (5), Melvin (10) and Don (7). Melvin and Dale are the only two who are still alive.

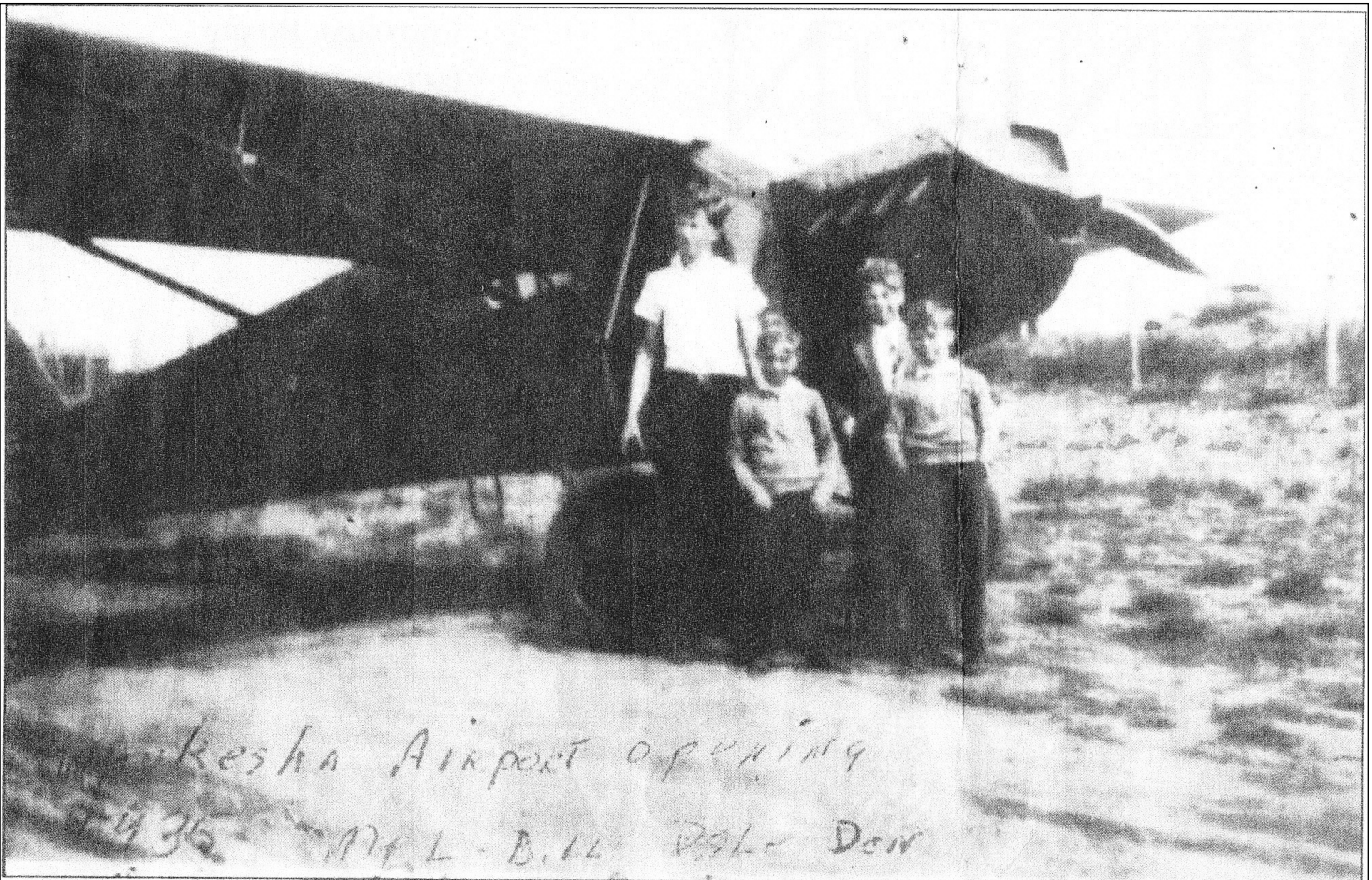
On opening day, over 6,000 people attended an airshow which featured stunts, races and maneuvers, according to John Schoenknecht's Feb. 25 history column.

Built in 1937, the hangar that Melvin Stark's father helped

construct was called the Crites Field hangar, named after the Crites twins, two well-known aviators of that era in the Waukesha area. Back then, Melvin said, runways were made of grass and a ticket for a ride in a plane cost only \$1.

As it turns out, the hangar caused quite a bit of controversy throughout construction because of a lack of funding and building plans. Some Waukesha Freeman headlines throughout the building process read "Airport Work Called 'Mess'" and "Hangar Causes Furor Again." However, The Freeman's coverage of the Crites hangar construction caused Waukesha residents to become interested in aviation, according to the same history column.

— Freeman Staff



Submitted photo

The Stark family visited Waukesha County Airport /Crites Field on its opening day, Aug. 18, 1935. From left to right are the Stark brothers Bill (13), Dale (5), Melvin (10) and Don (7).

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Coming Events

- ◆ **December 11**
Membership Meeting Election of Officers and Board
the Board meets prior to the membership meeting see page 2
- ◆ **January 8**
Membership Meeting
the Board meets prior to the membership meeting see page 2
- ◆ **February 12**
Membership Meeting
the Board meets prior to the membership meeting see page 2
- ◆ **February (date to be determined)**
Appreciation Banquet.
- ◆ **February 25**
Auto Parts Swap Meet at Washington County Fairgrounds

Election of Officers and Board at the December Meeting

***Up for election are the positions of
Vice President and Treasurer and
members of the Board***

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