

Waukesha Old Car Club

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April — May 2016





2016

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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 meets the second Monday of the month at Fox Run Lanes in Waukesha. <u>The Board meets prior to the member meeting.</u>

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 picture for the newsletter are due 2 weeks prior to the newsletter being published.

Send items to be published in the newsletter to Bob Merner or email at romer512@gmail.com

FEATURED CAR COVER PICTURE

2004 Thunderbird Owned by Steve and Char Heinemann

It was cold Wednesday night in December, 1969, when I decided to go to the Crazy Horse bar in Juneau Village. When I was driving into the parking lot, a guy I knew (barely) was with a brown eyed girl walking to his car. I talked with him briefly while eyeing up the brown eyed girl that didn't even look at me. I liked what I saw and asked a friend that knew both of us if he liked her. He didn't, so I decided to make a move. My friend's girlfriend went to the Crazy Horse with the brown eyed girl on a Wednesday night two weeks after I saw her. When I saw her, I was ready to be cool and impress her. Things happened fast, we got engaged in January and married May 2nd, 1970. When I met her, she had just brought a 1969 Mustang Mach 1 (Burgundy color). It was a fun car to drive but insurance was high, since we were young. I had a love, hate relationship with that car. I loved the look, driving it, but hated to wash it. Every time I washed it both door panels would cave in (yes, bow in) and I'd have to use a suction cup to pull them back out. I decided to sell the Mach 1 and did, as she said "when she was at work without her agreeing to sell it" even though we both signed the title to sell it. I then brought a 1970 basic Nova which she hated because it was green and it wasn't her Mach 1. Over the years, she never let me forget I sold her Mach 1. Now that we're older, I searched for one to replace the one I sold but never found one that was right. Then last year 2015, I found a 2004 Merlot (Burgundy) Thunderbird at an estate sale. We took it for a drive it and bought it. She loves the retro Thunderbird look, heated seats and the fact the top goes down. I hope to never hear her complain "I sold her Mach 1" again.



Fort Atkinson Cruise Night Jones Park, Fort Atkinson



5:30-8:30

Second Monday of the Month May thru September

2016 Membership Awards



35 Years Jerry and Linda Congemi



35 Years Tom and Barb Garibaldi



35 Years Tim and Vicki Hunkins 35 Years Jake Jakus

Jim and Donna Young where not in attendance will be receiving 35 year pins a later date

Membership Awards



30 Years Matteo and Donna Dattato

20 Years Gary Jones

20 Years Harry Rozanski



20 Years Jerry and Chris Kawatski

Membership Awards



15 Years Roy and Becky Tomasczak

10 Years Steve and Char Heinemann



10 Years Dave and Nora Michaelis



5 Years Jerry and Gale Oesterreich

Waukesha Old Car Club Regular Meeting February, 8, 2016

The meeting was called to order, members all rose and said the Pledge of Allegiance. Officers and Board members were introduced.

President's Report: Jerry Kawatski was absent from the meeting, The meeting was presided over by Steve Heinemann the Vice President.

Vice President's Report: Steve Heinemann said that he is collecting dues for 2016. The dues are \$40.00 per year. Members receive a 50% discount for working a minimum 4 hours for the club. He asked that you give him the correct amount, either by cash or check. He also asked that members notify him of updates in address, vehicles etc. for the roster

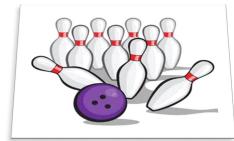
Treasurer's Report: In Jim Youngs absence there was no treasurer's report.

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

Committee Reports

Sunshine Committee: had no report

Appreciation Banquet: Mel Stark talked about the Appreciation Banquet. The banquet is scheduled for February 27. The location is Tuscan Hall, the old VFW in Waukesha. The menu is the same as before. The co-pay is \$20.00 per person. Mel has tickets and they will be available until the Monday before the Banquet.



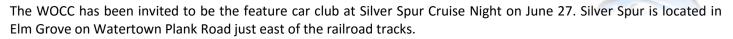
Bowling Party: Len Litt reported that the Bowling Party will be April 2 at Fox Run Lanes. The event is open to all members and family. The cost is \$12.00 per person which includes your bowling, shoe rental, ball, beverages, and dinner .The dinner is chicken and fish with the typical sides, There will be prizes for top 3 men and women bowlers. Bowling starts at 1:30 and dinner at 5:00. You don't have to be a good bowler to have a good time.



The **Pewaukee VFW** will be hosting a **Car Show** at Pewaukee Village Park. Show times are 9am till 3pm on May 30 There will be trophies and door prizes and food available.

June 13 Meeting will be at Murf's located on the corner of Sunset Drive and West Ave in Waukesha. The members bring their vehicles

for display. The club provides members with tickets to be used to purchase food items. More details will be provided in future newsletters.



The Wilson Center for the Arts again will be hosting Music under the Stars cruise night on July 8. Bring your classic car and lawn chairs and enjoy the music. Food will be available on the grounds.

The annual Picnic and Auction will be September 11 at West Park in Pewaukee. More details will be provided by email and in a future *Spark and Sputter*.

Other Business

Bonnie Herman can sew club logo patches on your articles of clothing or she can obtain the articles for you. Patches are available from Bonnie. Contact Bonnie @ 262-549-1176 for costs.

Waukesha Old Car Club Regular Meeting March 14, 2016

The meeting was called to order, members all rose and said the Pledge of Allegiance. Officers and Board members were introduced. We had new members, Dennis and Lynn Wagner attending the meeting. They own a 1931 Ford Tudor.

President's Report: Jerry Kawatski started a discussion regarding the Club fire truck. Tom Garibaldi and his committee have been looking into options .

Vice President's Report: Steve Heinemann said that he emailed rosters to members who receive the *Spark and Sputters* electronically. He has and will have paper copies of the roster available the meetings. He will not be mailing out rosters except to members who live out of town. If you desire a paper copy of the roster you can pick one up at a meeting. Steve emails members about activities as he is made aware of them. Steve sent out a list of things that need to be done for the car show. If he does not hear otherwise, he will assume that you will be willing to do the same job as you did last year.

Treasurer's Report: There was no Treasurer's report as Jim Young is still out of town.

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

Committee Reports

Sunshine Committee: Judy Sodemann reported that a card was sent to Frank Wilke, Frank recently had heart surgery. He is recovering and we hope to see him soon.

Fire Truck: Tom Garibaldi reported that the fire truck is costing the club quite a bit of money every year for the number of times that it is taken out for shows and parades. The storage alone is about \$900.00 per year. Plus it needs tires and some transmission work. The truck has a long history with the club plus a lot of sentimental value to the members who restored it years ago. Currently, Tom is looking into options where it could be donated but the club would still have the ability to use it for shows and parades.

Appreciation Banquet: Mel Stark reported that 75 members attended the Appreciation Banquet. It was a very enjoyable evening. The Club received a thank you card from Tuscan Hall thanking us for using their facility and hope that we will come back next year.



Bowling Party: Len Litt said that the Bowling Party will be April 2 at Fox Run Lanes. Bowling starts at 1:30 and dinner will be at 5:00. The cost is \$12.00 per member which includes the bowling, shoes, ball and beverages and snacks. Dinner will be fried chicken from Golden Chicken with all the fixings. The theme this year is western.



Iola Swap Meet: The club rents 4 spaces in the camp ground. The tent will be set up and it is a good place to stop and visit after a long day of walking the swap meet. Friday evening Tank will be hosting a Barbeque of ribs. The cost is \$8.00 per person.

Jefferson Swap Meet is April 22-24. The club rents spaces and the tent is set up for members to sell under. The cost to sell under the tent is \$10.00 per member to help offset the cost to rent the spaces and an additional \$5.00 will be charged if you don't help set up and take down the tent. See Len Litt for details and passes.

Frame Park Show flyers will be available at the April meeting. Pick up some flyers to hand out at the car shows and cruise nights that you attend. Steve Heinemann has emailed all members the list of jobs that need to be done for the car show. Unless he hears otherwise, he will assume that you will be doing the same job as last year.

Other Business

Bonnie Herman said that she has car club patches available for purchase. You can iron them on yourself or she can sew them on for you. Contact Bonnie @ 262-549-1176 for the costs

Spring Awakening of the Studebaker Car (or any vehicle) from Winter Slumber

Spending about four hours servicing your Studebaker (any vehicle) as you bring it out of winter storage will greatly increase you chances for trouble free summer driving. Here is what to look for and pay attention to in no particular order;

- **Battery:** Assuming it was disconnected for storage, if it discharged over winter and is dead, replace it. There is an internal short and it will fail completely soon. Clean terminals, clamps, and case. Apply a small bead of black silicone sealer at the post base where the post meets the plastic case. Apply anti corrosion pads and install the cables.
- **Tires:** Check air pressure. Check torque on lug nuts. Inspect for cracks on sidewall, tread, and valve stems. Spin by hand and look for gross out of round, squiggles or humps in the tread, and bent wheels. If tires are 8 or more years old, replace them.
- **Ignition:** Look at spark plugs. Inspect for wear, deposits, and proper gap. Inspect point contacts. Replace if worn. Lube rubbing block and advance cam. Set proper gap. Inspect cap and rotor. Inspect vacuum advance for proper operation. Observe the mechanical advance for proper operation. Set timing. With engine running, mist water from a plastic bottle sprayer over the spark plug wires, coil, and distributor. If the engine stumbles, misses or quits, you have electrical leakage and it should be addressed.
- **Fuel system:** Change fuel filter. Inspect all hoses and lines for cracks and corrosion. Inspect fuel system for leaks. Service air cleaner. Check proper choke operation and adjust the idle mixture when warm. Check all vacuum hoses for cracks or leaks.
- **Cooling system:** Inspect all hoses and belts for cracks and deterioration. Inspect all freeze plugs looking for evidence of seepage. Inspect the water pump weep hole for water stains or moisture. Check coolant level and strength. Flush and refill if coolant is 3 or more years old. Have the pressure cap checked. Inspect the fan blade for stress cracks especially radiating from the rivets.
- **Brakes:** Check fluid level. Inspect backing plates and/or calipers for evidence of wheel cylinder leakage. Spin each wheel to check adjustment.
- Wheel bearings: (all 4 wheels on a Studebaker) Clean, inspect and repack every 8 years or 30,000 miles.
- **Lubrication:** Change oil and filter if you neglected to do this before putting the vehicle away in fall. Lube chassis if it was not done in fall. During the lube process, pay attention to any loose joints or joints with powdery rust emitting from them. Correct as necessary.
- **Exhaust:** Inspect the heat riser for operation. Inspect pipes for leaks and hangers for condition. Verify that no pipes are in contact with a hard part of the vehicle.

You are now ready for a summer of trouble free driving.

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The club is inviting businesses to advertise with the club. The advertising year goes from March to March. If you would like to have a business card ad in the *Spark & Sputter* plus on the club web site, please contact via email me at <u>stevehwocc@yahoo.com</u> or call me at <u>262-782-4066</u>.

SWAP SPACE

For Sale: 1981 Avanti body and rolling chassis. Purchased the car with intentions to make a Bonneville race car but will not be completing the project. Will make a good hotrod or parts car. Asking \$2000.00 Contact Jim Pepper @ 414-587-5797

For Sale: Big Block Olds 470 CID New freshly done, High Performance head port work, New valves with 3 angle valve job, Engle Hi-Performance S/S Cam, KB pistons, Speed Pro Rings, Cleveite 77 bearings, Reconditioned rods, Balanced and Blueprinted, Edlebrock intake. Asking \$3500 Contact Dale Schneider @ 262-252-3035 **For Sale:** 1967 Chevrolet 327 CID, 4 bolt, aftermarket GM race block, Stroker 371 CID, Former race engine, S/S SRP Pistons, Crane cam.540/0555, GM angle plug turbo HP heads, Ported and polished. Dyno at over 550 HP, Fresh motor Asking \$5500 OBO, Contact Dale Schneider @ 262-252-3035

For Sale: Chevrolet Big Block 484 CID 4 bolt block, L88 Steel crank, HP ported oval port heads, Engle S/S Hydraulic cam, S/S O/S HP valves, springs, pushrods etc., Edlebrock air gap intake. All new, Asking \$4000 OBO, Contact Dale Schneider @ 262-252-3035

For Sale: 1968 El Camino, Texas car, More than 50% restored, New Floors, Factory air, Body near A-1, Many new parts, steering, spindles, rotors, brakes, tie rods, ball joints, steering shaft etc. SS tilt column and more. \$6500 Firm. Contact Dale Schneider @ 262-252-3035



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Coming Events

April 2	Bowling Party
April 11 the Board meet	Membership Meeting, s prior to the membership meeting
April 22-24	Spring Jefferson
May 9 the Board meet	Membership Meeting, s prior to the membership meeting
June 13	Club meets at Murfs

CAR SHOW

When: May 30, 2016 - Memorial Day 9am - 3pm

> Where: Pewaukee Village Park FOOD - BEER - SODA

Registration fee before May 20th: \$8.00 Registration fee on day of event: \$10.00 Checks made payable to: PEWAUKEE POST 9537 Mail to: John A. Miller 474 W. Wisconsin Ave. Pewaukee, WI 53072

Door prizes and Judges awards presented at 3:00pm (rain or shine) For more information, contact Jerry Babe at (262) 691-2515.