

WAUKESHA OLD CAR CLUB

Spark and Sputter

February / March 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 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

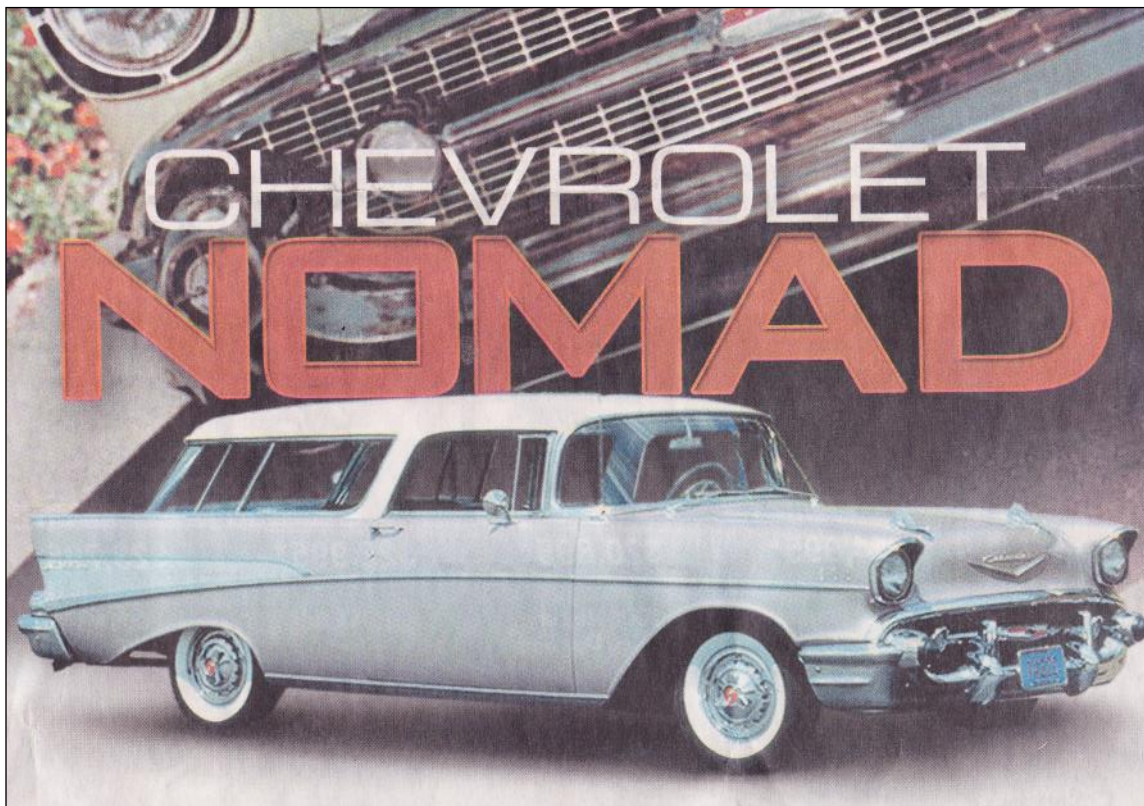
1931 Ford Fordor Town Sedan **Owned by Dan and Michelle Miller**

When I was about 10 years old, a 16-year-old cousin of mine was showing off a car he bought from a farmer in Kenosha County. It was a 1930 Ford Model A coupe which he got for \$100 as I recall. Note, this was about 1955 when cars era could be bought cheap. My cousin was kind enough to give me a ride around town in that car. That ride started my interest in old cars. From that day forward, I had a desire to own a Model A. Years flew by, and then decades. There was always something that was more important that took priority. Marriage, kids, house payments, etc. always something more important and yet there was a picture in my mind of an old Ford. The kids grew up and moved away, now there was more time. I joined the Model A Ford Club to get some background on all the varieties of body styles and to understand the mechanical details of these cars. I finally narrowed it down the exact car I wanted, but finding that car took more than two years. The monthly newsletter of the Wisconsin Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America has a classified page. About 16 months ago an ad appeared that described the exact car I was looking for. Wasting no time, I called the number listed and a nice lady answered. I inquired about the car and she said there was no such car for sale. After a little detective work I found that one of the numbers in the ad was in error. Finally, I got in touch with the owner who was in Door County. Arrangements were made to view the car. Taking the advice of a club member who said "if your wife doesn't like the car, don't buy it because you'll never hear the end of it". Michele and I took a trip to Door County, and both of us loved the car. The deal was made, and I drove the Ford back home to Delafield without incident. Michele and I enjoy taking short trips and attending an occasional car show. The grand kids are also showing an interest in Grandpa's old car.

Here are some details about this car:

- Restored by previous owner so I can't take credit for the nice appearance.
- 1931 Fordor Town Sedan with a slant windshield.
- Rebuilt 4-cylinder engine, 40 hp.
- Three speed transmission with aftermarket overdrive.
- 6-volt alternator instead of generator
- Two side mounted spare tires
- Trunk rack, (trunk not shown)

Dan Miller



Article from

Daily Herald

Auto Saturday

December 23, 2017

By MALCOLM GUNN

Wheelbase Media

In three years of production, the Nomad raised barely a ripple among new-car buyers. However, over the last 60 years, its status has grown to a point where it has become one of the most sought postwar classics of all time.

Today's wagons can trace their inspiration to Chevy's trio of beauties.

Before the Nomad's arrival in February of 1955, station wagons were primarily utilitarian vehicles, devoid of glamour and gloss, purchased by outdoorsy types or by the heads of large families.

Meanwhile over at General Motors, chief stylist Harley Earl and his co-workers had begun developing plans to transform the lowly wagon into something far more exciting. Sound familiar? Their initial efforts were shown at GM's 1954 Motorama event held at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City. There, showgoers saw what appeared to be a Corvette body with a wagon roof grafted to the fiberglass shell.

The crowd was crazy for the Corvette Nomad concept perched on its rotating platform. Sensing he was on to something, Earl convinced Chevrolet boss Ed Cole that bringing the car to

Fine Lines

1955-'57 Chevrolet Nomad

production would help the division shed its conservative and stodgy image, just as the Corvette's launch had done in 1953.

As the 'Vette platform was deemed too small for wagon use, it was decided that the Nomad style would find a home with Chevrolet and Pontiac. Both brands, along the rest of the GM lineup, were scheduled to receive all-new styling for 1955 and both would also be the recipients of newly designed V-8 engines. The timing seemed perfect.

Part of the Nomad's hoped-for desirability was its two frameless passenger doors, just like the ones found on any hardtop sedan. In addition, the roof pillars and the rear deck all slanted forward at an aggressive angle instead of positioned perpendicular to the body. Other special styling touches included sliding side glass, wraparound rear glass and a fluted, or "grooved," roof. The tailgate also displayed seven thin vertical chrome accent strips — or "bananas" as they were called in Nomad lingo.

Borrowed from the Corvette Nomad concept car for 1955 Nomads were its cutout, custom-look, rear wheel openings. The overall effect of these changes was nothing less than dramatic and made the car a standout among its frumpier peers.

Most of the Nomad's interior treatment mirrored a typical '55 Chevrolet Bel Air with the exception of several trim pieces, including a series of metal ribs used to secure the headliner.

Nomad buyers could select any engine available on regular Chevy automobiles, beginning with a 235-cubic-inch inline six-cylinder that made 123 horsepower when connected to a three-speed manual gearbox (136 when linked to a two-speed automatic) or the new-for-'55 265-cubic-inch V-8 that made between 162 and 180 horses, depending on the carburetion.

Receiving rave reviews on the show-car circuit is one thing, but generating sufficient sales is often another. The radically sculpted Nomad's showroom-floor reception was judged lukewarm at best. Although loaded with personality, the wagon lacked the practicality and roominess of its more upright contemporaries.

It was also considerably more

expensive, starting at about \$2,500. That was \$300 more than a top-line Bel Air convertible and \$500 more than a bare-bones Two-Ten Handyman wagon. By the end of the model year, just 8,530 Nomads were matched with new owners, a mere trickle compared of the hundreds of thousands of Chevrolet vehicles built. The pricier Pontiac Safari fared even worse.

Despite numerous upgrades in power and content, sales continued to slide in 1956 and 1957 when the plug was abruptly pulled on the great Nomad/Safari experiment. These names, however, were retained for a few more years as regular wagon models.

Interestingly, the orphaned original Nomads began their steady climb from total oblivion to highly desirable classics shortly after their demise. Today, these rarest of the 1955-'57 Chevs, many now retrofitted with more powerful engines and other speed equipment, enjoy much public adoration at local classic car events where, once more, the crowds go crazy.

For the Nomad, life after death has never been so sweet.

• *Malcolm Gunn can be reached at www.theoctanelounge.com by clicking on the contact link.*

Member Appreciation Banquet and Awards Night



Where: Machine Shed
N14 W24145 Tower Pl,
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(new location)

When: Saturday, March 10th.

Cocktails at 6pm with dinner at 7pm



*Make your reservations with Steve Heinemann at
the club meetings, by mail or by phone
reservations are \$15.00 per person*

No reservations accepted or refunds after February 28, 2018

Open to Members only.

Members who will be receiving awards at the Appreciation Banquet

Bob and Terri Boehnen 40 years

Dan and Riki Calvano 40 years

Marlene Douglas 40 years

Roy and Jo Meidenbauer 40 years

Al and Ella Mueller 40 years

Wes and Judy Sodemann 40 years

Ray and Sonja Terry 40 years

Jim and Elizabeth Haas 15 years

Greg and Maggie Marchand 15 years

Bob and Joan Merner 15 years

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Roy and Jan Rathke 15 years

Bob Tieberg 15 years

Jeff and Anni Krumrich 30 years

Norm and Sue Anderson 20 years

Nic and Kathy Gengler 20 years

Jim and Cindy Pepper 10 years

Victor and Janice Perugini 10 years

Susie Sydor 10 years

Ron Wichinski 10 years



At the January meeting, Dave Bunker talked to the members about a bus trip that he was trying to organize to the World of Wheels car show in Detroit MI. See accompanying flyer below

**DETROIT WORLD OF WHEELS AUTORAMA
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Arrive in Detroit on Saturday at the Holiday Inn Express on Washington Blvd. at 11:30AM. Rooms are two queen beds for \$130.00 a night. Can accommodate up to four sharing two queen beds. Includes breakfast on Sunday.

Autorama at Cobo Hall, is a 5 minutes walk, can see hall from hotel. Show goes until 10:00PM.

SUNDAY: Show runs from morning until 7:00PM. Bus leaves hotel at 5:00PM. Bus returns to Barker Road around midnight.

With 30 people, the bus would be \$91.00 per person, price would decrease with any additional people. Full busload of 56 people decreases bus to \$49.00/person. Trip is 357 miles each way.

Trip is dependent on minimum of 28 people signed up by January 26, 2018 in order to reserve a block of rooms and bus.

If interested, call me, Dave Bunker at 262.993.6332 or email me at dbunker2@att.net if you have any questions.

Waukesha Old Car Club Membership Meeting December 11, 2017

The meeting was called to order with 34 members present. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officers and Board members were introduced. There were no new members or guests

President's Report: Jerry Kawatski began by saying that he will not be seeking re-election as club President. He continued that after the meeting there would be pizza and beverages.

Vice President's Report: Steve Heinemann reported that he is collecting dues for 2018. He also asked that members review their information in the roster and notify him of any changes in vehicles, address or phone numbers. The roster is only as accurate as the information that we have. He said that this year we had 12 member vehicles in the Waukesha Christmas Parade, and that this year was the 30th year of Mel Stark's participation in the parade. Congratulations Mel!

Treasurer's Report: Jim Young said that he will be "*passing the can*" to collect money for the six Waukesha charities that the club supports. The club matches that total collected and that is what is donated to the charities

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

Committee Reports

Sunshine Committee: Had no report.

Model A Ford Swap Meet: will be held at the Washington County Fair Grounds on February 25th.

Appreciation Banquet: Kathy and Nic Gengler are working on the plans for the banquet. No date or location have been finalized at this time.

Coming Events

◆ **February 12**

Membership Meeting the Board meets prior to the membership meeting see page 2

◆ **February 14**



◆ **February 25**

Auto Parts Swap Meet at Washington County Fairgrounds

◆ **March 3-4**

Detroit World of Wheels Autorama see page 5

◆ **March 10**

Appreciation Banquet at the Machine Shed Restaurant. See page 4

◆ **March 12**

Membership Meeting the Board meets prior to the membership meeting see page 2

◆ **April 27-29**

Spring Jefferson

Waukesha Old Car Club Membership Meeting January 8, 2018

The meeting was called to order with 38 members present. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Officers and Board members were introduced. There were no new members but we had a guest speaker

President's Report: Ron Herman said that we received thank you letters from the Waukesha Charities that we support with our donations.

Vice President's Report: Steve Heinemann said that along with collecting dues he is asking that you let him know of any changes that you want to make to your information in the roster. The club has implemented a policy that we do not publish member email addresses in the roster.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Young is out of town therefore no treasurers report was given.

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

Committee Reports

Sunshine Committee: Kathy Jones has received a new kidney. It was reported that she is at home resting and recovering. We wish her well.

Appreciation Banquet: Kathy and Nic Gengler have selected March 10, 2018 as the date for the banquet. It will be held at the Machine Shed Restaurant at N14 W24145 Tower Road Pewaukee. The cost is \$15.00 per person which includes dinner, coffee, soda, and beer. The deadline for reservations or refunds is February 28, 2018. You can make your reservations with Steve Heinemann at the club meeting or by mailing your reservation information and check to him at WOCC, PO Box 645, Waukesha, WI 53187. There is a list of members who will be receiving year pins listed on page 4. We hope that they are all able to attend.

Bowling Party: Len Litt said that they planning on having the bowling party at Foxx View Lanes sometime in April. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

Frame Park Car Show: The date for the 2018 Frame Park Car Show Has been set as August 12. We have some members who no longer are able to fill their positions at the show. We are asking for volunteers to fill these positions.

El Rey and the Nightbeats will be performing at the show.

Picnic and Auction: The Picnic and Auction will be September 9, 2018 in the same location as last year. More information will be published as we get closer to the date

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Use this form to submit changes to the Vice President
The Club policy is not to publish cell phone numbers or email addresses in the roster

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