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*Spark
and
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February - March, 2022



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Member 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(s) removed from the club roster

WANTED

CLUB SECRETARY

Contact Ron Herman

If you are able to help

FEATURE CAR

2004 Miata NB

Bob and Joan Merner

The model NB is a second generation and most popular of all the Miatas. We weren't really looking to purchase a Miata, however when we would see one on the street we would always comment on it. I saw this car listed for sale on the internet. It was at a dealer in Waukesha. We didn't go out of our way to pursue the car but one day when we had time and were in the area we stopped to look at the car. The first thing we checked was can we get into it. We found that we could. We learned that it is much easier to get in and out with the top down rather than up. I might add that once in, it is quite roomy and comfortable.

The first cruise night I took the car to I parked next to a red Camaro. The owner of the Camaro approached me and began asking questions about the Miata. It turned out that his sister was the previous owner of the car. He filled me in on the history of the car. It was purchased in California and was there until recently when she moved back to the area. She took extremely good care of the car and kept all the receipts in a 3 ring binder that I now have.

It's a fun car to drive especially on warm summer nights with the top down.

Thanks, Bob

Show your feature car

We need to hear from members about your special car. Don't be shy, as a member of the Waukesha Old Car Club you are entitled to bragging rights. We want to hear about your special vehicle.

- **How did you find your car?**
- **How long have you had it.**
- **What condition was it in?**
- **Are there any interesting stories or mishaps?**

All I need is 2-3 pictures and about a 1/2 page story. Email me if you can help.



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Gottfried Schloemer in his automobile in 1895 floral

Most WSAH members will recall our 2015 donation to the Milwaukee Public Museum for encasing the Schloemer Motor Wagon in the "Streets of Old Milwaukee" exhibit. This brief article is an attempt to summarize information from several sources on the Schloemer, including our own Wisconsin Cars and Trucks book, the Standard Catalog of American Cars 1805-1942, and various newspaper and other articles found online.

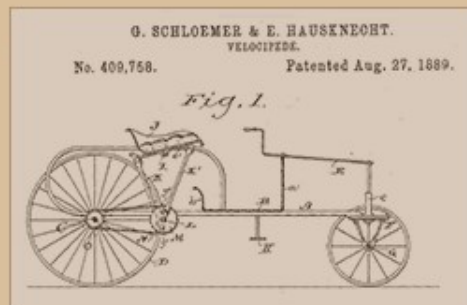
While there are some discrepancies, it is generally accepted that the Schloemer Motor Wagon was built in 1890 and first driven in 1892, which would pre-date the Duryea by one year and would make it the first gas-powered automobile in the United States. A witness at the time claimed that the vehicle was conceived "over a bucket of beer" by coppersmith and blacksmith Gottfried Schloemer and his friend, locksmith Frank Toepfer. Schloemer designed a combination differential and drive pinion, a make-and-break spark system, possibly the first automobile muffler, and a wick-type carburetor

which has erroneously often been reported to have the first patent for a carburetor.

By 1892, Schloemer began looking for financial backing for his plan to establish a car factory in Milwaukee, but the market crash of 1893 seems to have wiped out that plan. Schloemer then bought a farm and applied his mechanical knowledge to developing farm equipment. The Motor Wagon was stored until 1920, when he traded it to West Allis car dealer Fay Cusick for a Maxwell. Cusick displayed the car at fairs and auto shows, and then in 1930, several friends of the Milwaukee Public Museum purchased the car for \$4,000 and donated it to the museum.

When the Motor Wagon was restored years later by museum volunteer Herbert Smith, he determined that the engine had been replaced, probably by Cusick to make it drivable for display. The replacement engine was a four-stroke cycle Wolverine Junior, but the original was likely an early Sintz two-stroke cycle. Some modifications had been made which were not consistent with the original excellent workmanship.

A fundamental part of the SAH and WSAH mission is to promote the accurate recording of automotive history. Research on the Schloemer, like much other research, shows several examples of discrepancies, some from newspapers within a few years of the car's first appearance on Milwaukee's streets. When things are repeated enough they are assumed to be factual without documentation, resulting in such "facts" as all Model T's were black and the first Mustangs were 1964 models. It is sometimes very difficult to ascertain facts, especially dates, unless those were well documented at the time. This article is meant to give an overview and hopefully will encourage members to do more research, compare various sources, and seek out what they find to be the most accurate information on which to base their conclusions. (back to [Activities](#))



Waukesha Old Car Club Meeting Highlights

December 13, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:37pm by President Ron Herman. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Ron then asked for a moment of silence to pay respect to those who were killed or injured during the attack on the annual Waukesha Christmas Parade.

There was an introduction of the Officers and Board Members

Presidents Report:

- Ron began by highlighting what was discussed at the Board Meeting. The club makes an annual donation to 6 Waukesha charities. This year the Club will also be making a donation to the Waukesha Strong Foundation.
- The club plans to again hold its annual Car Show on August 14 at Frame Park. We are asking for ideas to make the show more streamlined.
- The Appreciation Banquet will tentatively be held the 2nd or 3rd weekend of March.
- It is reported that Bob and Sue Mangan won't be renewing their membership due to health reasons. We wish him well.
- Mel Stark is now living at the Avalon Manor. He is doing well there.

Vice Presidents Report:

- Steve is currently collecting dues for 2022. He prefers checks.
- Steve is looking for help getting sponsors for the newsletter and car show trophies. He has form letters available.
- Mel's daughter is holding a modified estate sale for Mel. Contact Steve for more information.

Secretary's Report:

- Ron read the minutes from the November meeting. They were accepted as read

Treasurer's Report:

- Jim gave a report for the months of October and November. He said that he had just received some bills from the car show that he didn't expect.

Sunshine Committee:

- There was nothing to report

Election of Officers and Board Members:

The floor was opened up for the nomination for the position of President and Treasurer. Ron Herman was unanimously reelected to the office of President and Jim Young (1) was unanimously reelected to the office of Treasurer. Lynn Wagner indicated that she will possibly be able to fill the remaining term of Secretary of Sarah Ksicinski.

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The floor was opened up for the nomination for the positions of Board Members. Jerry Oestereich, Bob Schumann and Jim Young (2) were unanimously elected as Board Members.

Thanks to all the Board Members and Officers for donating their time and efforts to the club.

Old Business

Hard copies of current and past Spark and Sputters are available at the front table

New Business

- Jim passed the can to collect monies for the charities the club supports. The club matches the amount collected. Non perishable food items were also collected for the Waukesha Food Pantry. Thank you to all the club members for their donations.

Tech Talk

None

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Waukesha Old Car Club Meeting Highlights

January 10, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:34pm by President Ron Herman. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was an introduction of the Officers and Board members. The club welcomed new member Brett Smith. He has a 2014 Mustang. He became interested in the club when he saw us in the Christmas Parade.

Presidents Report-

- Ron reported that the Board has decided that the Car Show registration will be \$10.00 per car. There will no longer be pre-registration. There will be t-shirts available for sale day of show. There will only be one winner per class however there will be expanded classes. Winners must be present to receive their plaque. Plaques will be awarded at 2:00pm. The club will make an effort to notify participants prior to award presentations.

Vice Presidents Report-

- Steve is currently collecting dues for 2022. Please pay by check but cash is ok.
- Steve is asking for help obtaining businesses to sponsor trophies and Spark and Sputter. He has a form letter that you can use as introduction when contacting the business. The cost to be a sponsor is \$60.00 per year. If the business would also like to be a member that cost is \$40.00 for a total of \$100.00.
- As was started last year, there will be a sign displayed listing all the sponsors at the car show
- Check out the club's Facebook page and Instagram page

Secretary's Report-

- Ron gave a report of the December meeting from notes supplied by Bob Merner. The report was approved as read.

Treasurer's Report-

- Ron read a report for the month of December that was supplied by Jim Young. The club made donations to 8 Waukesha Charities. Those charities are: Christmas Clearing Council, St. Vincent DePaul, Hebron House, Waukesha Women's Center, Hope Center, Waukesha United, Waukesha Food Pantry, Salvation Army, plus a donation was made to the Waukesha Police Reserve for assisting at the Car Show.

Sunshine Committee-

- No report

Old Business-

- Bob Merner is always looking for Member's cars to be featured in the *Spark and Sputter*.
- The club is still looking for someone to complete Sarah Ksicinski's term of secretary
- Roy Rathke reported that the club has the following car show shirts for sale from prior years.
2019- 3- 2XL
2021- 4- Medium, 8- Large, 8-X-Large.

New Business-

- Victor Perugini gave an update of the Appreciation Banquet. He had tentatively made a commitment with Tuscan Hall. It was discussed and Victor was given approval to proceed.
- At the February meeting Maggie Bringa will give a talk on insurance coverage based on what has happened in Waukesha recently

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

Appreciation Banquet



Sunday, March 27, 2022

Tuscan Hall, 409 Delafield St. Waukesha.

Cocktails at 5:00pm with dinner at 6:00pm.

Dinner includes Tuscan tossed salad, Buttered sweet corn, Wild rice pilaf, Garlic mashed potatoes, Greek style chicken (gluten free), Braised short ribs and coffee or milk and sheet cake for desert.

The cost per member is \$15.00

The club providing beer or soda.

cash bar will have mixed drinks and wine

Please mail your check to WOCC, PO Box 645, Waukesha, WI 53187

Club Activities & Other Fun Things To Do

February	14	7:30pm Club Meeting at Foxx View Lanes, Board meets prior to meeting
	14	Valentines Day
	20	Washington County Fair Grounds Auto Parts Swap Meet
	25-27	World of Wheels Autorama WI State Fair Park
March	14	7:30pm Club Meeting at Foxx View Lanes, Board meets prior to meeting
	27	Club Appreciation Banquet @ Tuscan Hall
April	11	7:30pm Club Meeting at Foxx View Lanes, Board meets prior to meeting
	22-24	Spring Jefferson
May	9	Club Meeting at Foxx View Lanes, Board meets 30 minutes prior to meeting
	30	VFW Car Show, Pewaukee Kiwanis Park
June	13	7:30pm Club Meeting at Foxx View Lanes, Board meets prior to meeting
July	4	Waukesha July 4th Parade
	7-10	Iola Car Show and Swap Meet
	11	7:30pm Club Meeting at Foxx View Lanes, Board meets prior to meeting
August	8	7:30pm Club Meeting at Foxx View Lanes, Board meets prior to meeting
	14	Frame Park Car Show
September	11	Picnic and Auction
	12	7:30pm Club Meeting at Foxx View Lanes, Board meets prior to meeting


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Club Roster Information Update Form

Please take a moment to review your personal information in the current roster and use this form to submit changes to the vice-president

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