

# IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT

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## From the ACR, Inc. President, Bill Dubats

Where does one start to sum up the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Antique Car Run (ACR) of 2014? Of course the ACR is mainly about *the cars*, so let's start there. Twenty different brands participated in the Run, some fairly common, some quite unusual. This year 62 cars were registered, but 8 withdrew before or during pre-tours, leaving 54 in the starting area in New London. Fifty-two cars crossed the finishing line at New Brighton, for a completion rate of 96%. This is possi-

bly the highest completion rate in the history of the Run. Well done!

The earliest car was a very rare 1898 Jeanperrin, driven by Alan Travis of Phoenix, AZ. Other exceptional cars included: a 1903 St. Louis piloted by George Dorris III from St. Louis, MO; a 1905 Columbia driven by Wade Smith of San Antonio, TX; a 1910 IHC Autobuggy from Kansas with Lou Spacek at the wheel; a 1911 LeZebre, driven by Webster Peterson of Vining, MN; a 1908



DeDion Bouton with Doug Rohde of Manitowoc, WI; and a 1905 Stevens-Duryea driven by Mark Desch of Stillwater, MN.

A couple of Autocars

## All's Well that Ends Well!

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Ron Gardas discussed his adventures on the road with Gary Griffin of Randolph, MN and Rudy Rathert of Forman, ND at the finish line in New Brighton. Ron has driven the NLNB 21 times and finished every time. 2014 would be no different for him. It was more challenging this year after being struck by an automobile who turned into him on a Minneapolis street. According to Ron, his 1911 Indian took the worst of it. In true Gardas fashion, Ron bent the original bike back into shape and did some other adjustments to finish the Run. We were relieved to see Ron after some anxious moments. We count our blessing that everything ended fine for Ron. We are also very thankful for the support trucks that Ron and his wife Rene donate for the Run through their business, Twin Cities Transport and Recovery.



# 28th Annual Antique Car Run

## Who Started and Who Finished

1. Retired in memory of Dick Gold		
2. Roy Bernick (Withdrew)	1908 REO	Waite Park, Minnesota
3. Ed Walhof *	1909 REO	Spicer, Minnesota
4. Rob Heyen *	1906 Ford	Milford, Nebraska
5. Winston Peterson *	1905 REO	Golden Valley, Minnesota
6. Peter Fausch *	1906 Ford	Dayton, Minnesota
7. Floyd Jaehnert *	1908 Ford	St. Paul, Minnesota
8. Bill Dubats *	1908 Cadillac	Coon Rapids, Minnesota
9. Gene Grengs *	1910 Stanley	Eau Claire, Wisconsin
10. Walter Burton *	1910 Buick	Rice, Minnesota
11. Jim Laumeyer *	1908 Maxwell	Rice, Minnesota
12. Dean Yoder *	1907 Ford	Des Moines, Iowa
13. Dave Dunlavy *	1908 Ford	Decorah, Iowa
14. Bruce Van Sloun *	1904 Autocar	Minnetonka, Minnesota
15. Wade Smith *	1905 Columbia	San Antonio, Texas
16. Irvin Haisch *	1906 Ford	Concord, Nebraska
17. Mike Maloney *	1906 REO	Minnetonka, Minnesota
<b>18. Alan Travis *</b>	<b>1898 Jeanperrin</b>	<b>Phoenix, Arizona</b>
19. Rick Lindner *	1903 Ford	Columbus, Ohio
20. John Elliott *	1912 Maxwell	Edina, Minnesota
21. Steve Meixner *	1910 Buick	Moorhead, Minnesota
22. Jim Maxwell *	1907 Maxwell	Wichita, Kansas
23. David Shaddock *	1903 Ford	Kildeer, Illinois
24. George Dorris III *	1903 St. Louis	St. Louis, Missouri
25. Jeff Berdass (DNF)	1909 Buick	Brooksville, Florida
26. David Magy (Withdrew)	1906 Cadillac	Plymouth, Minnesota
<b>27. John Biggs *</b>	<b>1904 Ford</b>	<b>Princes Risborough, England</b>
<b>28. Mark Desch *</b>	<b>1905 Stevens-Duryea</b>	<b>Stillwater, Minnesota</b>
29. Gil Fitzhugh *	1907 Cadillac	Morristown, New Jersey
30. Lowell Walker *	1903 Oldsmobile	Evansville, Indiana
<b>31. John Linderman *</b>	<b>1910 Stanley</b>	<b>Glastonbury, Connecticut</b>
32. Tim Kelly *	1907 Ford	New Canaan, Connecticut
33. Gregg Lange (Withdrew)	1904 Autocar	Saginaw, Michigan
34. Bob Long *	1908 Maxwell	Fargo, North Dakota

### Official Results

62 drivers registered

54 started

52 finished

(noted with asterisk)

Six names in bold indicate this was the first time they have been part of the ACR

29th Annual  
New London to  
New Brighton  
Antique Car Run  
Saturday,  
August 8, 2015  
Registration Forms  
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We were glad to get to know these newcomers to the NLNB this year: Richard Quirin and Jacqueline Crawford in his '10 Maxwell from Belleville, IL (left) and Alan and Mary Travis in their 1898 Jeanperrin from Phoenix, AZ (right). Both couples started and finished successfully!





35. Kenneth Ganz *	1909 Buick	Alma, Wisconsin
36. Brian Heyd *	1908 Cadillac	La Moure, North Dakota
37. Jeff Amundsen *	1911 Maxwell	St. Anthony, Minnesota
<b>38. Richard Quirin *</b>	<b>1910 Maxwell</b>	<b>Belleville, Illinois</b>
39. Dave Nyholm *	1904 Cadillac	Richfield, Minnesota
<b>40. Per Hogestad *</b>	<b>1903 Cadillac</b>	<b>Fort Collins, Colorado</b>
41. Lou Spacek *	1910 IHC Autowagon	Wakarusa, Kansas
42. Bill Westervelt *	1911 Brush	Birmingham, Michigan
43. Vern & Doris Ann Campbell *	1908 Maxwell	Milan, Michigan
44. Max Mickelson *	1911 Maxwell	Spicer, Minnesota
45. Basil Johansen (DNF)	1904 Cadillac	Minneapolis, Minnesota
46. Dean Dorholt (DNS)	1907 Franklin	Maple Plain, Minnesota
47. Vince Smith *	1912 Maxwell	Spring Lake Park, Minnesota
48. Webster Peterson *	1911 LeZebre	Vining, Minnesota
49. Brett Laughlin (DNS)	1907 Ford	Pine Springs, Minnesota
50. Ron Gardas *	1911 Indian	Arden Hills, Minnesota
51. Renee Gardas (Canceled)	1910 Maxwell	Arden Hills, Minnesota
52. Ron Gardas, Jr. *	1912 Indian	Blaine, Minnesota
53. Kyle Siewert *	1908 Buick	St. Anthony, Minnesota
54. Gary Griffin *	1907 Ford	Randolph, Minnesota
55. Tom Rasmussen *	1905 Franklin	Gem Lake, Minnesota
56. Rudy Rathert *	1907 Ford	Forman, North Dakota
57. Bob Randolph (Canceled)	1906 Stevens-Duryea	Longmont, Colorado
58. Roddy Pellow *	1908 Overland	New Brighton, Minnesota
59. John Keenan *	1910 Buick	Blaine, Minnesota
60. Doug Rohde *	1908 De Dion Bouton	Manitowoc, Wisconsin
61. Lynn Vandevort*	1910 Brush	Manitowoc, Wisconsin
62. Jerry Cass *	1908 REO	Derby, Kansas
63. Ricki Bajari (Canceled)	1910 Maxwell	New London, Minnesota

These pre-1916 cars drove in the pre-tours held three days prior to the Grand Tour .

A. Homer Cronquist	1914 Ford	Brainerd, Minnesota
B. Carlton Pate	1909 Ford	Glastonbury, Connecticut
C. Norm Aune, Jr.	1911 Ford	Brainerd, Minnesota
D. D. Lee Anderson	1915 REO	Frazee, Minnesota
E. Richard Darling	1906 Ford	Fridley, Minnesota
F. Mark Wersal	1914 Ford	Remer, Minnesota
G. Eric Hylen	1914 Ford	Sartell, Minnesota
H. Brian Peterka	1914 Ford	Grove City, Minnesota



*We welcomed John Linderman (left) of Glastonbury, CT as a first timer, one of two 1910 Stanleys that started and finished. John Biggs (right) made the long haul to join us as a first time driver in his '04 Ford all the way from jolly old England!*



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our volunteers in the  
communities along  
the route!*



Two additional first timers joined us in 2014. Per Hogstad of Fort Collins, CO in his 1903 Cadillac is shown starting in New London just after 7:00 am. He finished in fine fashion in New Brighton shortly after 5:00 pm.

Mark Desch in his 1905 Stevens-Duryea talked to the crowd at the finish line. He hails from Stillwater, MN, and was pleased to get his first medallion. Mark and family had a full day stopping at the 5 rest stops along the way!

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were driven by Bruce Van Sloun of Minnetonka, MN and Gregg Lange of Saginaw, MI (although they joined up to drive just one on tour day). Lowell Walker of Evansville, IN drove the only Oldsmobile, a 1903 Curved Dash Olds. We were delighted to have two Stanley steam cars with us, Gene Grengs of Eau Claire, WI and John Linderman of Glastonbury, CT. A couple of Brush cars were piloted by Bill Westervelt of Birmingham, MI and Lynn Vandevort of Manitowoc, WI. Rodney Pellow of New Brighton, MN drove the only Overland. Of course it is always fun to see Ron Gardas of Arden Hills, MN with his 1911 Indian motorcycle, and his son Ron Gardas Jr. of Blaine, MN on his 1912 Indian.

The Ford brand represented the greatest turnout, with 13 cars, with Maxwell a close second at 11 cars. Filling out the roster were numerous other name plates

like Buick, Cadillac, REO and Franklin. So you can see, we achieve a great deal of “diversity” (of car brands) without government mandate. ☺

The wide geographic participation of the ACR is also amazing, with cars registered from 18 states, ranging from Colorado to Connecticut and Texas to North Dakota. Noted as coming the farthest, John Biggs of Princes Risborough, England drove his 1904 Ford which he brought from across the pond. We welcomed six *First Time* drivers from six different states, driving six different brands. All six finished, although Mark Desch of Stillwater, MN was hearing some alarming sounds from his Stevens-Duryea in the final mile.

But the Antique Car Run is not just about numbers. It is really about the never ending joy of cranking our vintage autos to life. It’s about meeting the challenge of keeping them purring along for 118 miles to the New Brighton finish line. It’s

about meeting old friends and making new ones during the pre tours, rest stops, and meals. It’s about seeing a large number of beautiful antique cars assembled on a beautiful summer day.

Put it all together and you have the most memorable old car tour year after year. If in doubt, ask John Elliott of Edina, MN or Bob Long of Fargo, ND. Both of them have 28 successful Antique Car Runs under their belt.

So, if you need an outstanding old car event to put on your 2015 calendar, don’t hesitate to mark Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> for a trip to Minnesota and the 29<sup>th</sup> running of the New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run.

Best Wishes,  
Bill Dubats, President  
Antique Car Run, Inc.



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Antique Car Run, Inc. is an independent, non-profit corporation that has a 501-3c designation. The mission of the organization is to foster an appreciation of the beauty and endurance of vintage automobiles.

The Antique Car Run is held annually on the 2nd Saturday of August. All cars from 1908 and earlier and any 1 & 2 cylinder vehicles thru 1915 are eligible to participate. The pre-tours held 2-3 days prior to the NLNB are open to pre-1916 cars.

The 29th Antique Car Run is Saturday, August 8, 2015. Information is available at the website and phone number listed above.