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Calling All Drivers to Minnesota, August 10th

After an excruciatingly long winter, Minnesota is trying to remember what spring is suppose to look and feel like. Unfortunately, her memory must be getting old (like all of us), because as of this writing, spring hasn't really sprung with any consistency here yet. But, Minnesotans are tough Scandinavians who can handle what's thrown at them. We will golf with our mittens on, barbeque with um-

brellas, patiently wait to plant our flowers and fields, and even drive our old cars in our down jackets if we have to. Spring and wonderful summer will come to Minnesota eventually so we are beginning to prepare for all of you now!

For those of you who haven't been our guests yet, we want you to know that the New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run is 120+ mile Grand Tour on Saturday, August 10th

this year. It is designed to be challenging for the veteran cars and drivers who join us. We build in a lot of food, fellowship and fun to make the effort worth it.

The Grand Tour is preceded by 3 days of warm-up tours so drivers can get to know the New London countryside and tune up their engines for the big day. Again, we pack lots of points of interest, social events, and food into those days so the fun never stops! These pre-tours

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Cars lined up in their assigned spots bright and early prior to the starting gun last year. Assigned spots allow the oldest and slowest cars to leave first.



From the President, Jeff Amundsen

Welcome newcomers and veteran friends. We are looking forward to another outstanding NLNB tour this year. It is a great time to get the Horseless Buggies out and enjoy them, and also to show them off to people that may be curious as to how the first cars help build our country into what it is today. It gives us a feel of what early motoring was like 95 to 100 or so years ago. It is a teaching as well as a learning experience that I look forward to every year.

It is time to start her up, put the top down and enjoy

over 120 miles of what Minnesota has to offer. We hope to see you all August 7-9 for our many pre-tour activities, and Saturday, August 10th, for the Grand Tour.

Regards
Jeff Amundsen
President
Antique Car Run,
Inc.



Board member Jerry Kelly and his wife Claire are shown staffing the starting line in New London. The Kellys have been volunteers for many, many years. Jerry provides Time Monitoring duties at various locations, checking drivers in and out. Also in the photo is President Jeff Amundsen and his wife Linda in their 1911 Maxwell. Jeff is in his second year as President, his seventh year on the Board. Linda rarely sits in the navigator's seat. She is usually volunteering along the route selling NLNB souvenirs with other family members. The ACR, Inc. loves its volunteers. We couldn't put on the Run without them!

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are August 7-9 this year.

Early registration guarantees that you will get a special volunteer to drive your trailer/camper/truck from New London to New Brighton so it will be there when you arrive at the finish line. (Board member Mary Kuperus is our leader here.)

Special finisher medalions go to each driver that crosses the finish line in New Brighton during the mandatory time frame, and with the required mid-way rest stop. The tour goes through 5 rest stops during the day. The communities love to have the cars and

drivers visit so they roll out the red carpets with music, food, interviewing, etc. Newcomers are always amazed to see so many people gathered in farm fields, on porches, and just at the side of the road ready to wave at the cars going by!

A 2013 commemorative T-shirt is part of everyone's registration packet. Those have become collector's items for many. Additional Antique Car Run items are available as well for the souvenir shoppers among you.

The finish line in New Brighton is hosted by the city's historic Stockyard

Days festival. That guarantees that hundreds of people will be gathered to welcome you into the Long Lake Regional Park and even better, it means that food, beverages and celebration is close at hand.

So, now it is up to you.

If you have been on the

NLNB tour before, you'll remember the fun and want to do it again. If you are thinking about joining us for the first time,

make 2013 your year! We are looking forward to seeing our old friends and making new ones at the 27th Annual Antique Car Run.



Sample New London Area through Warm-Up Tours

Over the years, drivers who come from across the country have made it clear to us that they are here to drive their cars. We're good listeners and so for years have set up pre-tours on the three days prior to the NLNB. Here's a sample of what Board Member and Past President Ed Walhof has planned for you this year in the New London area.

- Willmar Public Utilities Wind Park—About 3% of Willmar's power needs are provided by wind turbines. Learn more about this technology during your visit to this local utility.
- Three Fingers Sawmill—This small mill is locally owned and does custom log sawing and milling for floors, walls, beams and one-of-a-kind rustic furniture.

- Bayer-Built in Belgrade--You'll hit the road and visit a local wood-molding company that has remained a successful part of the community for many years.

- Around the Lakes—The traditional "day-before" tour takes you around the beautiful Nest and Green Lakes, 2 of the 10,000 lakes Minnesota is known for. You won't be disappointed as you take in the scenic lakes, homes, and countryside. A root beer float stop has been a fan favorite for years as well.

- The pre-tours are designed to help you get the bugs out so you and your veteran car are ready for the Grand Tour on Saturday. You'll have lots of fun getting to know other drivers from around the country as you sample area sites.



These turbines are 262 feet from the ground to the center of the hub. The blades are 131 feet long. Each unit costs \$3.3 million delivered and an addition \$1 million is budgeted for installation.

There will also be plenty of technical help if you or your car need it.

- Evening activities make it easy for you to feel right at home with us. You'll be invited to picnic meals at local parks to keep you and your cars humming. One

evening, a "Meet, Greet and Eat" event will include the volunteer tow drivers who will take your trailers to New Brighton on Saturday. This is a nice way to meet and thank these important volunteers.



Need a tweak? No problem. There are plenty of "experts" around to help. Last year, while stopped for root beer floats, drivers and passengers surrounded this Buick which was overheating.



Ford Fans and Their Cars to Gather Prior to NLNB

We are happy to let you know that the Early Ford Registry is encouraging all Ford Fanci-

ers to come out prior to the NLNB to tour together. Rob Heyen and Tim Kelly have joined

forces and have planned tours for Saturday, Sunday and Monday, August 3, 4 & 5. According to Rob, the get-together they held prior to our 2011 Minnesota Run had "great success, great camaraderie and great hangovers" so they are doing it again.

The group will be offering short tours over three days and then will throw in a "Recovery Day" on Tuesday so cars and drivers can get ready for the Antique Car Run warm-up tours.

Those interested can book a room at the Paynesville Inn and Suites which will be the hub for the Ford Tours prior to the NLNB. A block of rooms has been reserved for the "Early Ford Registry" and can be booked by calling 320-243-4146.

More information about the Early Ford Registry tours is available by calling Rob Heyen at 402-643-0235, or Tim Kelly at 917-833-5555.

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The mission of the organization is to foster an appreciation of the beauty and endurance of vintage automobiles.



Above, Dean Yoder and Tim Kelly left the starting line in Rob Heyen's 1907 Ford. Below, Rob talked to the New London and New Brighton Mayors at the finish line in his 1906 Ford. The '07 finished as well.



In 2011, 12 Fords started the NLNB and 12 finished for an impressive record! Five additional Fords participated in just the NLNB warm-up tours that year. According to ACR, Inc. Board member Floyd Jaehnert, every letter was represented except B & R.

According to Rob and Tim, the Ford tours are open to any brass Ford, any member of the Early Ford Registry or anyone participating in the NLNB.

**27th Annual
New London to New Brighton
Antique Car Run
Saturday, August 10, 2013
Pre-Tours, August 7-9**

Early Ford Registry Tours, August 3-5

**Registration Information
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