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Changing Seasons, A Look Back and a Look Forward

Minnesota weather never fails to amaze. It, therefore, shouldn't be surprising that all of a sudden we Midwesterners go from wearing shorts and sandals to sock and sweat-shirts almost overnight. It's time to reach for the blanket at night. And then, there's the annual challenge of who is going to cave first in households and suggest the furnace gets turned on (accepting defeat that our 6 months of Minnesota "winter" has begun)! Minnesota goes from beautiful hot and sunny August to noticeably cooler September in what seems like a day!

This weather change also marks the turning of the page on the 29th Annual NLNB and the beginning of earnest preparation for the much anticipated 30th Anniversary Run! This edition of "In the Driver's Seat" lists who came, who saw and who conquered our 120+ mile route. It notes that 14 newcomers decided to test

the endurance of their veteran cars. We use this as a small measure of our success in attracting people who have heard about our relaxed countryside tour and want to take up the challenge. The Run is seldom without missteps and we use the fall to identify and make plans for corrections. Unique this year, however, is the anticipation that after 29 successful years, we can plan a special celebration for our 30th Anniversary Run!

The Anniversary Run is scheduled for Saturday, August 13, 2016. There will be pre-tours for several days prior to the Grand Tour. We will be adding special features that will make this one memorable, and hopefully,

remarkable. We encourage you to register early so we can prepare for you. (We're talking about Tow Drivers here! They are volunteers

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who drive your trailers, motor homes, trucks, etc., to New Brighton while you are

touring to that location. They come in various shapes, sizes and genders, but in limited quantities!!) Register early for the best (only) opportunity to get one! Consider joining us for this special event next August. Watch the mail and website in the beginning of 2016 for further details and a registration form. We want you to be part of this history-in-the-making Antique Car Run!

**30th Anniversary
New London to New Brighton
Antique Car Run
Saturday, August 13, 2016**



From the President, Bill Dubats

How does one begin to summarize the 29th Annual New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run (ACR) in 2015? Since the



Newcomer Bob Abbott, Alton, IL, leaving New London in his 1904 Oldsmobile



New friends, Tom & Evelyn Timmins, from Friendswood, TX, in their 1907 Cartercar



Eric & Nicole Hylen, first-timers from Clearwater, MN, in their 1908 Maxwell

ACR is really all about *The Cars* that is a good place to start. We had a record of 24 different automobile brands registered. This is a modern day record, as we usually see about 20 auto brands. Seventy cars were registered, with 64 starting the Grand Run on Saturday morning. Attrition took its toll, as 53 crossed the finish line in New Brighton. Plus 12 other cars took part in the pre-tours.

Even though we did not have any pre-1900 cars this year, the variety of antique autos was amazing! There were three Stanley steam cars (which tend to stop often for water) and a couple of Franklins, which *never* seem to run out of water. It's always fun to see Ronny Gardas on his 1912 Indian motorcycle. Many other brands from yesterday joined us, including DeDion Bouton, REO, Co-

lumbia, Autocar, Mitchell, Stevens-Duryea, Le Zebre, St. Louis, and Brush. Just looking around makes me feel like a little kid in a candy store. I would love to have one of each!

Early Fords topped the entry list with 15 cars, plus seven later Fords on the pre-tours. The 10 Maxwell cars entered continued to extend the Maxwell reliability streak, as Maxwell drivers Bob Long and John Elliott both finished their 29th ACR.

The geographical diversity of drivers was also interesting, with drivers from 20 different states. We saw cars from as far south as Florida and Texas up to North Dakota, as far east as Connecticut and Pennsylvania, and west to Colorado. In addition, we welcomed John Biggs from England and Ross McTavish from Canada. This year, 69% of drivers live outside of Minnesota.

Perhaps the most important thing about the 29th Annual ACR was the 14 *First Timers* joining in the fun. Many of these cars and drivers loved the quiet country

roads, the rural Minnesota countryside and the camaraderie of being with more than 60 like minded old car aficionados. Many of this year's First Timers will be joining us August of 2016 for the 30th Anniversary ACR. For some, the annual trip to New London, MN will become a habit (rather like the Board of Directors and the President ☺.)

In summary, the challenge of driving a 100 year or older car 120 miles in a day is too much to resist for many of us who occasionally have grease under our fingernails and motor oil in our veins. That challenge inspires us to do our restoration and maintenance tasks well, and hope for a little good fortune for DNF insurance. Mark your calendars! See you next year.

Happy motoring,
Bill Dubats
President, ACR, Inc.



Canadians Hugh McTavish and his daughter Colleen, crossed the finish line in New Brighton as first-timers in a 1903

29th Annual Antique Car Run

Who Started and Who Finished

1. Retired in memory of Dick Gold		
2. Not assigned		
3. Ed Walhof *	1909 REO	Spicer, Minnesota
4. Rob Heyen *	1907 Ford	Milford, Nebraska
5. Winston Peterson (DNF)	1905 REO	Golden Valley, Minnesota
6. Peter Fausch (Canceled)	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. Dave Dunlavy (DNF)	1905 Ford	Decorah, Iowa
13. Wade Smith *	1905 Columbia	San Antonio, Texas
14. Bruce Van Sloun *	1904 Autocar	Minnetonka, Minnesota
15. Gregg Lange *	1907 Ford	Saginaw, Michigan
16. Ned Protexter *	1907 Ford	West Des Moines, Iowa
17. Mike Maloney *	1906 REO	Minnetonka, Minnesota
18. John Biggs *	1907 Ford	Princes Risborough, England
19. Rick Lindner *	1904 Ford	Columbus, Ohio
20. John Elliott *	1912 Maxwell	Edina, Minnesota
21. Eric Hysten *	1908 Maxwell	Clearwater, Minnesota
22. A.B. Bonds (DNF)	1908 Buick	Kingston Springs, Tennessee
23. Don Ohnstad *	1909 Auburn	Valley, Nebraska
24. Rob Burchill *	1909 REO	Jefferson, Maryland
25. David Shadduck *	1903 Ford	Kildeer, Illinois
26. Kimberly Shadduck (Canceled)	1903 Oldsmobile	Kildeer, Illinois
27. Alan & Mary Travis (Withdrew)	1904 Mitchell	Phoenix, Arizona
28. Mark Desch *	1905 Stevens-Duryea	Stillwater, Minnesota
29. Tom Rasmussen *	1905 Franklin	Spring Lake Park, Minnesota
30. Dean Dorholt *	1907 Franklin	Maple Plain, Minnesota
31. Vince Smith *	1912 Maxwell	Spring Lake Park, Minnesota
32. Irvin Haisch *	1906 Ford	Concord, Nebraska
33. Steve Boyd (Withdrew)	1910 Brush	Siren, Wisconsin
34. Bob Long *	1908 Maxwell	Fargo, North Dakota
35. Webster Peterson *	1911 le Zebre	Vining, Minnesota
36. Dean Oakes (DNF)	1906 Oldsmobile	Iowa City, Iowa
37. Bill Bywater *	1909 REO	Iowa City, Iowa
38. Tom Timmons *	1907 Cartercar	Friendswood, Texas
39. Carlton Pate (DNF)	1905 Ford	Glastonbury, Connecticut
40. Frank Bugner *	1909 Maxwell	Tiffin, Ohio
41. Lowell Walker (DNF)	1903 Oldsmobile	Evansville, Indiana
42. Lyle Lugten (DNF)	1910 Stanley	Hamilton, Michigan
43. Kenneth Ganz *	1909 Buick	Alma, Wisconsin
44. Max Mickelson *	1911 Maxwell	Spicer, Minnesota
45. Jeff Berdass *	1908 Moon	Brooksville, Florida
46. David Magy *	1909 Buick	Plymouth, Minnesota
47. Don Tyler *	1904 Oldsmobile	Risingsun, Ohio

Official Results

70 drivers registered

64 started

53 finished

(noted with asterisk)

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

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And of course, all of our volunteers in the communities along the route!

48. Paul Schaefer *	1908 Ford	Valley City, Ohio
49. George P, Dorris III (DNF)	1903 St. Louis	St. Louis, Missouri
50. Jeff Pahl *	1908 De Dion Bouton	Newton, Wisconsin
51. Steve Meixner *	1910 Buick	Moorhead, Minnesota
52. Dale Lynch (DNF)	1909 Maxwell	Iowa City, Iowa
53. Archie Wohlfahrt *	1910 Auburn	New Braunfels, Texas
54. John Chenoweth *	1907 Buick	Austin, Texas
55. Kevin Anderson *	1910 Stanley	Andover, South Dakota
56. Basil Johansen (DNF)	1906 Cadillac	Minneapolis, Minnesota
57. Brian Heyd *	1908 Cadillac	LaMoure, North Dakota
58. Bob Randolph (Withdraw)	1906 Stevens-Duryea	Longmont, Colorado
59. Bob Abbott *	1904 Oldsmobile	Alton, Illinois
60. Ross McTavish *	1903 Ford	Ontario, Canada
61. Daryl Kemerer *	1908 Maxwell	Prospect, Pennsylvania
62. Bill Westervelt (DNF)	1908 Brush	Birmingham, Michigan
63. Ron Gardas *	1910 Maxwell	Arden Hills, Minnesota
64. Ronny Gardas *	1912 Indian	Blaine, Minnesota
65. Kyle Siewert *	1908 Buick	St. Paul, Minnesota
66. John Keenan *	1910 Buick	Blaine, Minnesota
67. Brett Laughlin (Withdraw)	1907 Ford	Pine Springs, Minnesota
68. Anton Traut *	1909 Buick	St. Joseph, Minnesota
69. Rudy Rathert *	1907 Ford	Forman, North Dakota
70. Lynn Vandevort *	1910 Brush	Manitowoc, Wisconsin
71. Tim Kelly *	1904 Ford	New Canaan, Connecticut
72. Roddy Pellow *	1908 Overland	New Brighton, Minnesota



Talking to New Brighton Mayor Jacobsen at the finish line: Anton Traut, newcomer from St. Joseph, MN, in his 1909 Buick

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

A. Homer Cronquist	1914 Ford	Brainerd, Minnesota
B. Norm Aune, Jr.	1911 Ford	Brainerd, Minnesota
C. Carlton Pate	1909 Ford	Glastonbury, Connecticut
D. Victor Van Arsdel	1915 Ford	Bennington, Nebraska
E. Mark Wersal	1914 Ford	Remer, Minnesota
F. D. Lee Anderson	1915 REO	Frazee, Minnesota
G. Richard Darling	1906 Ford	Fridley, Minnesota
H. Tom Meeteren	1911 Ford	Valley, Nebraska
I. James Hammann	1910 Sears	Iowa Falls, Iowa
J. Greg Lundeen	1914 Ford	Champlin, Minnesota
K. Doug Rohde	1925 Renault	Manitowoc, Wisconsin
L. Brian Peterka	1914 Ford	Grove City, Minnesota



More First-timers: Bill Bywater, 1909 REO, Iowa City, IA and (right) A.B. & Laraine Bonds, 1908 Buick, Kingston Springs, TN



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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 30th Antique Car Run is Saturday, August 13, 2016. Information is available at the website and phone number listed above.