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From the ACR, Inc. President, Ed Walhof

The 25th Anniversary was celebrated with great success. Thank you so much for coming to our special celebration. We were able to take advantage of what seemed like the 5 best days of weather in all of 2011 for most of the country!

We are already planning the 2012 tour with three days of pre-tours on August 8-10, and the Grand Tour to New Brighton on Saturday, August 11. Mark your calendars now because we have some fun things in the works. On Wednesday, August 8th, Duinink, Inc., a third generation construction group, has invited us to run across their large equipment scales. Also, Long Lake Antiques have invited us for a visit. Lunch will be at the Oaks Country Club in Willmar which was a big hit this past year.

Thursday, August 9th, the MN Airstream Club has reserved 50 sites in Spicer for their annual get-together. They will have several early Airstream units coming to their show. We have made a commitment to visit their site and they will be joining us at the starting line on Sat-



Ed has served as President of the ACR, Inc. for the last 2 years. He plans and leads the pre-tours in the New London area prior to the Grand Tour. He deserves a big "pat on the back" for all he's done. Above, Ed drove a leg of the NLNB with New London Mayor Bill Gossman in the navigator seat along with his daughter Kayla.

urday as well.

Friday, August 10th will be our traditional 35 mile tour around the area lakes followed by our parade down Main Street. Planning for the evening meal is underway with everyone leaning toward a chicken and rib buffet.

Saturday the starting gun will sound as usual at 7:00 am and the 26th Annual New

London to New Brighton Run will be off and running! We sincerely hope you will be counted among the starters (and finishers, of course) for the 2012 tour!

Have a good year in the meantime!



Feedback Helpful to Success

Little by little the evaluations of the Silver Anniversary NLNB have come in and according to the results, the 25th Annual Antique Car Run was a huge success. We couldn't agree more.

Eighty-four cars registered to participate. Seventy-one started at 7 am from New London on Saturday, August 13. After over 8 hours on the road, for over 120 miles, 64 cars crossed the finish line in New Brighton. A great crowd of spectators, friends and family welcomed the jubilant finishers. At around 6:30 pm, drivers gathered in a nearby tent and were presented with their silver medallions, a welcome reward after a simple day for some and a trying one for others. And so, another Run goes into the history books!

On behalf of the Antique Car Run Board, we want to thank all of you who joined us. We had a ball with you!

There has been especially good feedback on the number, length and destinations of the pre-tours. You guys and gals love to drive your cars so we gave you plenty of miles before the grand tour on Saturday to tweak your engines.

You commented on wanting more signs along the route, especially in the metro area where things get a little hectic. We hear you and will

work to fix that. We use 2 sign crews: one from New London to Buffalo and one from Buffalo to New Brighton. One crew was new this year and one had a year under its belt. They put up signs at the crack of dawn and then take them down when they are given the signal that all cars have passed through the area. We don't want anyone to get lost in the countryside or in the city for that matter.

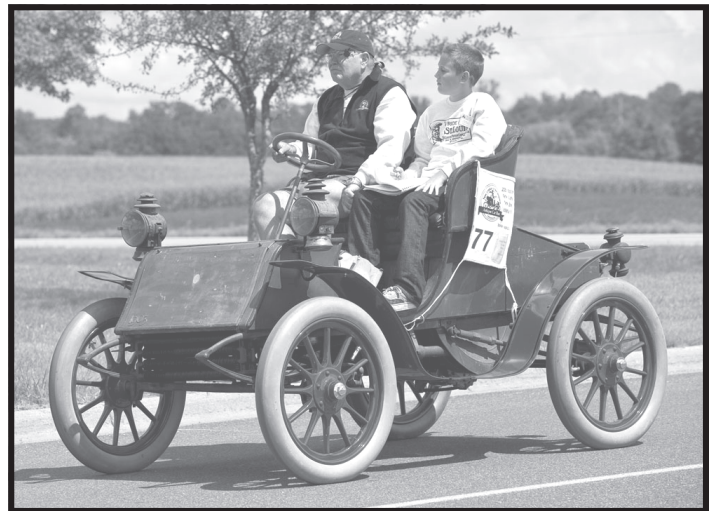
We always tell you to pace your eating because there will be plenty of it on Saturday! We didn't expect the problems we faced in New London on Friday, however. We will do our best to work with the Legion and find a good solution for the long waits you experienced. We promise better food and a more efficient way to get it!

We asked about our communication with you. Most felt that it was good. Some want confirmation that their entry has been received. That's a simple fix. We'll mail a postcard to confirm we have heard from you.

Finally, you used words like "well run, friendly, awesome, fantastic, excellent, don't change a thing, best old car tour in the USA, it was a blast, etc." Thanks you! Now spread the word!



John & Eleanor Bowman were able to strip off layers at the first rest stop. The weather was wonderful!



George Dorris III and his grandson enjoyed the tour in his St. Louis. George's grandfather was VP and Chief Engineer of the company that built the car.



Doris Ann Campbell took over their Maxwell for the tour. Vern was navigator. The NL and NB Mayors welcomed them at the finish line.

26th Annual New London to New Brighton

Antique Car Run

Saturday, August 11, 2012

Registration Forms available March 2012

651-638-2100

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Antique Car Run “Silver Anniversary” Tour

Those who came & Those who conquered

1. Retired in memory of Dick Gold		
2. Roy Bernick (Withdrew)	1903 Oldsmobile	Waite Park, Minnesota
3. Ed Walhof *	1909 REO	Spicer, Minnesota
4. Dave Harris (Withdrew)	1908 Buick	Fridley, Minnesota
#4 reassigned to Ron Gardas, Jr. *	1912 Indian	Blaine, MN
5. Winston Peterson *	1905 REO	Golden Valley, Minnesota
6. Peter Fausch *	1906 Ford	Dayton, Minnesota
7. Rob Heyen *	1906 Ford	Milford, Nebraska
8. Bill Dubats *	1908 Cadillac	Coon Rapids, Minnesota
9. Floyd Jaehnert *	1908 Ford	St. Paul, Minnesota
10. Gene Grengs	1910 Stanley	Eau Claire, Wisconsin
11. Walter Burton *	1910 Buick	Rice, Minnesota
12. Alan Page *	1906 Buick	Minneapolis, Minnesota
13. F. Travis Hopkins *	1907 Locomobile	Brewster, New York
14. Jim Laumeyer *	1908 Maxwell	Rice, Minnesota
15. Dave Dunlavy *	1905 Ford	Decorah, Iowa
16. Irvin Haisch *	1906 Ford	Concord, Nebraska
17. John Bowman *	1905 Franklin	Longmont, Colorado
18. Lowell Walker	1902 Olds	Evansville, Indiana
19. Bruce Van Sloun *	1904 Autocar	Minnetonka, Minnesota
20. John Elliott *	1912 Maxwell	Edina, Minnesota
21. Jeff Berdass	1906 Cadillac	Brooksville, Florida
22. Dave Shaddock (Withdrew)	1903 Ford	Kildeer, Illinois
23. Carlton Pate *	1903 Ford	Glastonbury, Connecticut
24. Timothy Kelly *	1907 Ford	New Canaan, Connecticut
25. Art Mehr (Withdrew)	1911 Maxwell	Granite Falls, Minnesota
26. Wayne Leonard (Withdrew)	1905 Franklin	Longmont, Colorado
27. Ken Ganz *	1909 Buick	Alma, Wisconsin
28. Nevy Clark *	1908 Buick	Savannah, Georgia
29. Mike Maloney *	1906 REO	Minnetonka, Minnesota
30. Bill Chalmers *	1905 Northern	Binbrook, Ontario
31. Dale Chesnut (Withdrew)	1910 Maxwell	Tacoma, Washington
32. Rick Lindner *	1903 Ford	Columbus, Ohio
33. Dennis Dussman (Withdrew)	1911 Maxwell	Fairbanks, Alaska
34. Bob Long *	1908 Maxwell	Fargo, North Dakota
35. Mike Unrein *	1909 REO	Topeka, Kansas
36. Wade Smith *	1908 Cadillac	San Antonio, Texas
37. John Bohmer *	1903 Knox	Brooten, Minnesota
38. Gil Fitzhugh *	1907 Cadillac	Morristown, New Jersey
39. John Ullrich *	1907 Brush	Alden, Illinois
40. Basil Johansen *	1906 Cadillac	Minneapolis, Minnesota
41. Dave Nyholm *	1904 Cadillac	Richfield, Minnesota
42. David Magy	1908 Moon	Plymouth, Minnesota
43. Jeff Amundsen *	1911 Maxwell	St. Anthony, Minnesota
44. Wimpy Nelson/Dave Mickelson *	1911 Maxwell	Spicer, Minnesota
45. Doug Spacek	1911 Maxwell	Wakarusa, Kansas
46. Lou Spacek *	1908 Buick	Wakarusa, Kansas

“84 drivers registered for the tour, 71 started on Saturday at 7:00 am, and 64 finished in New Brighton, between 3:45 and 7:30 pm! Finishers are noted with an asterisk by their names.”

“We welcomed 13 newcomers this year (bold).

Also worth noting, two drivers have started and finished each of the 25 NLNB Runs!

Congratulations to John Elliott and Bob Long, who have perfect records with us!

Your commitment to this special tour is appreciated!”



47. Webster Peterson *	1911 LeZebre	St. Louis Park, Minnesota
48. Hugo Vermeulen *	1903 Cadillac	Port Perry, Ontario
49. Tom Strodthoff *	1911 Maxwell	Woodbury, Minnesota
50. Matt Regan (Withdrew)	1910 Buick	Maple Grove, Minnesota
51. Dick Pellow *	1908 Overland	St. Paul, Minnesota
52. Bill Westervelt *	1908 Brush	Birmingham, Michigan
53. Phillip Johnson *	1904 Oldsmobile	Cokato, Minnesota
54. Lyle Severson *	1908 REO	Dassel, Minnesota
55. David Hansen *	1915 Autocar	Berwyn, Illinois
56. Bob Reichwaldt *	1908 Rambler	Pleasanton, Texas
57. Dan Walters *	1907 Ford	Ann Arbor, Michigan
58. Eric Bollensen	1908 Brush	Columbia Heights, Minnesota
59. Gary Griffin *	1908 REO	Randolph, Minnesota
60. Don Tyler *	1904 Ford	Risingsun, Ohio
61. Larry Ruschke (Withdrew)	1912 Maxwell	Crystal Lake, Illinois
62. Tom Goynes *	1902 White	Denver, Colorado
63. Larry Ranard	1910 Sears	Ottumwa, Iowa
64. Bob Troendly *	1906 Ford	Loveland, Colorado
65. Archie Wohlfahrt (Withdrew)	1912 Indian	New Braunfels, Texas
66. Peter Fawcett *	1904 Ford	Oshawa, Ontario
67. John Nikodym *	1906 Moline	Red Cloud, Nebraska
68. Ray Carr (Withdrew)	1909 Stanley	Chester Springs, Pennsylvania
69. Eric Gjerde *	1910 Brush	Iowa City, Iowa
70. Mike Grunewald *	1907 Franklin	Mc Henry, Illinois
71. Charles Rehberg	1910 Brush	Ralston, Nebraska
72. Tom Rasmussen	1907 Franklin	Spring Lake Park, Minnesota
73. Kyle Siewert *	1908 Buick	St. Anthony, Minnesota
74. Renee Gardas *	1910 Maxwell	Arden Hills, Minnesota
75. Ron Gardas *	1911 Indian	Arden Hills, Minnesota
76. Vern Campbell *	1908 Maxwell	Milan, Michigan
77. George P. Dorris III *	1903 St. Louis	St. Louis, Missouri
78. Ricki Bajari *	1910 Maxwell	New London, Minnesota
79. Tim Wiglesworth *	1903 Oldsmobile	Fairway, Kansas
80. Gregg Lange *	1904 Autocar	Saginaw, Michigan
81. Stuart Etheridge *	1908 Velie	Red Cloud, Nebraska
82. Dennis Heywood *	1908 REO	Monee, Illinois
83. Doug Rohde *	1910 de Dion Bouton	Manitowoc, Wisconsin
84. Clayton Swanson *	1909 Maxwell Jr.	Corcoran, Minnesota

Pre-Tours Only --- The Antique Car Run invites drivers who do not want to participate in the 120+ mile Grand Tour on Saturday to join them on pre-tours on the 3-4 days prior. The tours are from 30-60 miles in length.

A. Richard Darling	1906 Ford	Fridley, Minnesota
B. Brett Laughlin	1907 Jewel	Pine Springs, Minnesota
C. Tom Reese	1908 Maxwell	Mound, Minnesota
D. Eric Hylen	1914 Ford	Sartell, Minnesota
E. Greg Lundeen	1907 Reliable Dayton	Champlin, Minnesota
F. Frank Bugner	1913 Ford	Tiffin, Ohio
G. James Moe	1915 Ford	Circle Pines, Minnesota
H. Jim Glendinning	1915 Ford	Laguna Beach, California

Nuts & Bolts, Etc.

- **Fords-to-the-Max:** The Early Ford Registry sponsored several days of touring in the area the week before the Antique Car Run. About a dozen Fords participated. According to Floyd Jaehnert, every letter Ford was represented with the exception of B & R. Needless to say, their efforts swelled the number of Fords who drove with us this year! We had 12 Fords on the NLNB and an additional 5 that joined us for the warm-up tours only. That's teamwork!

- **Will Maxwells be next?** Rumor has it that Maxwell owners are organizing for pre-touring in 2012. When more information becomes available, we'll let you know.

- **T-Shirts become Collector's Items:** Thanks to the expertise and patience of ACR VP Jeff Amundsen, the 25th Anniversary shirt was a huge hit. In fact, they sold out. For those of you hoping for better news on availability after the fact, we're sorry to disappoint. The moral of that story has something to do with the early bird getting the worm I think! There is a small supply of light weight gray fleece jackets still around. If you are interested in one, let us know.

- **2011 Souvenir Programs are Plentiful:** For any of you who would like a copy of the official program of the event, we can accommodate you. Just send \$3

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Driving a 1903 Knox in the 2011 Antique Car Run.....by John Bohmer



John Bohmer has run in many NLNBs since 1994. He has several medallions to his credit, but has also been trailered on occasions. But, he has never lost his enthusiasm for the tour! He shared the following story with us which we hope you will enjoy as much as we did!

August 13th was the day of the annual run of antique cars from New London to New Brighton, Minnesota. These cars must be 1908 or older or one or two cylinder cars up through 1915. This was the 25th Annual Run and there were 84 cars registered. Seventy – one were ready to go at 7 a.m. in New London and 64 made it all the way to New Brighton, 125+ miles.

We drove our 108 year old one cylinder air-cooled 1903 Knox again for the 12th time and we hoped for favorable weather, because we

have no top or windshield. We are at the mercy of the weather, and it was great! My grandfather had the first car in Brooten, Minnesota, and it was a car just like ours, so we know what problems he had.

He said that the Knox car was a lot better and faster, and less smelly than horses, but he said the darn thing went so fast (18mph) he didn't have time to enjoy the scenery. That probably was because he didn't have to steer the horses. They just followed the road.

On Friday, August 12th, we drove about 50 miles around Green Lake, Nest Lake and Diamond Lake in the New London area to check out our car to be sure everything was working OK so we would be ready for the big trip on Saturday. We started at 7 a.m. Saturday with old cars, motorcycles and even a big solid tire

John Bohmer & Ron Tvedt crossed the finish line after a very eventful day on the road!

Autocar truck, all going to New Brighton.

All went well as far as Buffalo (about the half-way point). The Knox was working like a champ. But, then things started going bad. First the

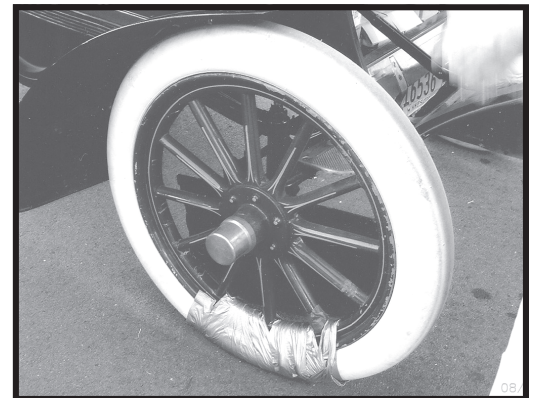
points had to be re-set, twice, then the battery went dead, then the shift lever broke, then we had a blow-out on a brand new tire, then we had a plugged gas line, and it started to seem like there would be no end. My good friend Ron Tvedt, who is a top mechanic for the car, was with me on that leg of the trip. He would not give up. He said we're going to make it, and we did.

The tire was wrapped with duct tape so we could keep going, the shift lever was fixed with Vise Grips pliers, a

booster battery was borrowed, and the gas line was blown out.

If there's a will, there's a way they always say, and Ron said that being this was the Silver Anniversary of the Run, and it was my 90th birthday, we just had to make it. Thanks Ron, for your determination.

My friend Ole told me that my greatest love used to be for the little woman. Then I fell in love with the old Knox, and now I am in trouble because both of them talk back to me. The next move is for the Knox to get a headache (anything is possible).



Happy Birthday to 100 Year Old Cars!

On an annual basis, the Antique Car Run reviews the roster of cars that

participate in the Run. When a car is identified as one that has achieved the 100 year



Carlton and Anne Pate left the New London starting gate in their 1903 Ford at the 25th Anniversary Antique Car Run. They successfully crossed the finish line in New Brighton for their first medallion.

Good for another 100,000 miles!



Mike and June Unrein were welcomed at the finish line by Mary Kuperus. Mary and her husband Bill coordinate the 50-60 volunteer tow drivers needed to transport trailers to New Brighton. (And, she hardly complains at all!) We were happy to see June back in the navigator's seat after breaking her hip on last year's Run! According to June, she loves the NLNB and plans to keep coming back!

mark, the name of the owner and information about the vehicle is submitted to Carlton Pate. Carlton works with the HCCA in maintaining a database of "century old" cars. We are happy to work with him in recognizing and celebrating the 100 year milestone of cars that have recently participated in the NLNB. Owners receive a "Century Old Vehicle" plaque as a way to recognize the honor. Congratulations to all of you owners whose cars have had this special birthday this year. Look for your plaques in the mail in the near future.

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to Antique Car Run, Inc., 803 Old Hwy 8 NW, New Brighton, MN 55112. That will cover the mailing of the 25th Anniversary Program which we are very proud of, all 36 pages.

• Support our Supporters:

On that note, please join us in thanking our advertisers in the program. They stepped up to help us pay for that publication. We also want to extend our thanks to Bernick's Pepsi and the New Brighton Lions who have partnered with us for 25 years!

• Thanks to Webinator:

Our thanks to Ford Owner Dave Dunlavy who has overseen the ACR, Inc. website since its launch several years ago. We appreciate your efforts, Dave. For information, just go to www.antiquecarrun.org.

- **Behind the Scenes:** If we've done our job right, you will hardly notice all the work that goes into this event. We couldn't do it without the following: donors large and small, sign crews, registration staff and site, starting line crew, time monitors, ham operators, 5 teams of rest stop volunteers, support trucks provided by Twin Cities Transport & Recovery, volunteer tow drivers, NL school district for the high school grounds, NL bus company for sharing your space, NL Legion, Police, Reserves, & Sheriff Departments, Stockyard Days finish line volunteers, Boy Scouts at the finish line, Mayors from both NL and NB, spectators along the way, and of course, all of you who make this Run the continued success that it is. How about another 25 years?