

IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT

2010

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From Florida to Alaska, Cars Came for the Tour

What a beautiful day for a tour in Minnesota! The 24th Annual New London to New Brighton Run on August 14 was not the biggest in our history and may not even have been the best, but it was hard to convince the 48 starters that it wasn't.

The drivers came from as far away as Fairbanks, Alaska, San Antonio, Texas and Brooksville, Florida. The cars included a good share of Maxwells, Fords, REOs, Olds, and Cadillacs. There also was the 1909 Mason Truck that said

Lichtfeld Plumbing on the side and the 1905 Columbia referred to as the John Deere car (or Green Bay Packer car depending upon your perspective) because of its green and yellow paint job. There were 2

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Cars left the New London starting gate at 7:00 am for their 120+ trek to New Brighton on August 14th. They were captured on camera by Jeff Krug, a visitor from Iowa, as they navigated past a pond shortly after the tour began.



***"Thanks for going
the distance for us
in 2010!"***

***Volunteer**

Tow Drivers

***New London's Peace**

Lutheran Church

***Registration &
Starting Line help**

***NL Legion &**

Aux. Pancake Crew

***Grove City's Trinity**

Lutheran Church

***Litchfield's**

American Legion

***Kingston Lions**

***Buffalo's Wright
County Car Club**

***Crystal Senior Club**

***New Brighton's**

Stockyard Days

***Police & Reserves
in all route cities**

***Ham Operators**

***Time Monitors**

***Support Trucks**

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Autocars and 3 Franklins,
along with Brushes and
Buicks.

Along the 120+ mile route,
the weather cooperated as did
all the spectators that could be
seen in their parked cars, sit-
ting in chairs on their front
lawns, or atop their tractors in
their farm fields. Some had
coffee mugs in hand, other
were still in their pajamas and
robes. All wanted to sample a
little bit of the past so they
took the time to watch the old
cars putt-putt past at their 20-
30 mph pace.

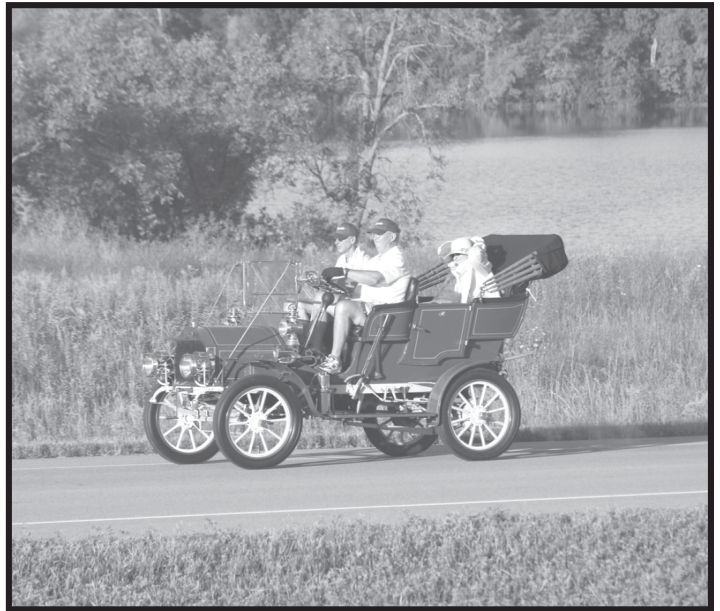
The five rest stops were so
welcoming as always. Volun-
teers in each of the locations
were prepared with coffee
and donuts, corn-on-the-cob,
pork sandwiches, buffalo bur-
gers, root beer floats, cookies,
lemonade, and, of course,

beer at the finish line!

Each stop just gets a little
taste of the old cars before
the drivers pack back up
and head to their next des-
tination. The volunteers
don't seem to care. They
like being a part of this

unique and exciting Minne-
sota tour.

We are all closing the
chapter on the 2010 Run so
we can begin planning for
the 25th Anniversary Tour
on August 13, 2011!



***Wade & Jeanne Smith and their passengers traveled past
ponds, meadows and farm fields as they left the New London
area.***

Tinkering is a part of the Tour

You've heard of
"whistle while you
work," how about
"tinker while you tour?"
I think it is fascinating
for spectators to see
drivers pull into a rest

stop and even before they head
for the biffy, they start tinkering.
They pull off the hood,
and go for the grease, oil, gas,
belts, paperclips, and ball point
pens, even before they grab the
corn-on-the cob, root beer

float, or buf-
falo burger!

In Kingston
this year, Flo-
ridian Jeff
Berdass was
seen walking
around with a
brass lamp he
picked up on
the road, even before he had
a donut in his hand. The
lamp find was greatly ap-
preciated by Mike Unrein of
Topeka, Kansas, who real-
ized he was short that part
when he arrived. It's all
part of the fun and a regular
routine if you tour.



***Dennis Dussman and Dale
Chesnut used the time in
Kingston to pour in some
"special tonic" to keep their
1911 Maxwell on the road.***



***Rich Meyer's
1910 Schacht
could have
been a duct
tape commer-
cial. Never
leave home
without it!***

24th Annual NLNB Participants & Results

3. Ed Walhof*	1909 REO	Spicer, Minnesota
5. Webster Peterson*	1911 le Zebre	St. Louis Park, Minnesota
6. Peter Fausch *	1906 Ford	Dayton, Minnesota
7. John Bohmer	1903 Knox	Brooten, Minnesota
8. Bill Dubats*	1908 Cadillac	Coon Rapids, Minnesota
9. Irvin Haisch*	1906 Ford	Concord, Nebraska
10. Gene Grengs*	1910 Stanley	Eau Claire, Wisconsin
11. Walter Burton*	1910 Buick	Rice, Minnesota
14. Alan Page*	1906 Buick	Minneapolis, Minnesota
15. Floyd Jaehnert*	1908 Ford	St. Paul, Minnesota
16. Dave Dunlavy*	1908 Ford	Decorah, Iowa
17. Don Tyler*	1904 Ford	Risingsun, Ohio
18. Tom Strodthoff*	1911 Maxwell	Woodbury, Minnesota
19. Bruce Van Sloun*	1904 Autocar	Minnetonka, Minnesota
20. John Elliott*	1912 Maxwell	Edina, Minnesota
21. Dave Mickelson*	1911 Maxwell	Spicer, Minnesota
22. Frank Bugner*	1909 Maxwell	Tiffin, Ohio
23. Wade Smith	1905 Columbia	San Antonio, Texas
24. Jeff Berdass*	1906 Cadillac	Brooksville, Florida
25. John Ullrich*	1907 Brush	Harvard, Illinois
26. Matt Regan*	1910 Buick	Maple Grove, Minnesota
27. Bill Westervelt*	1908 Brush	Birmingham, Michigan
28. John Bowman*	1905 Franklin	Longmont, Colorado
29. Jim Laumeyer*	1908 Maxwell	Rice, Minnesota
31. Dennis Dussman*	1911 Maxwell	Fairbanks, Alaska
32. Ken Ganz*	1909 Buick	Alma, Wisconsin
33. Rob Heyen*	1906 Ford	Milford, Nebraska
34. Bob Long*	1908 Maxwell	Fargo, North Dakota
35. Todd Carlson*	1907 Cadillac	New London, Minnesota
36. Basil Johansen*	1904 Cadillac	Minneapolis, Minnesota
37. Jeff Hasslen*	1904 Franklin	Elk River, Minnesota
38. Tom Rasmussen*	1907 Franklin	Gem Lake, Minnesota
39. Richard Lichtfeld*	1909 Mason	Monona, Wisconsin
41. Jeff Amundsen*	1911 Maxwell	St. Anthony, Minnesota
42. Mike Unrein	1909 REO	Topeka, Kansas
43. Tom Porter	1906 Cadillac	Forest Lake, Minnesota
44. Gregg Lange*	1904 Autocar	Saginaw, Michigan
45. Eric Knepper*	1903 Olds	Cropwell, Alabama
47. Ron Gardas*	1911 Indian	Arden Hills, Minnesota
48. Renee Gardas*	1910 Maxwell	Arden Hills, Minnesota
49. Ron Gardas, Jr.*	1908 Buick	Blaine, Minnesota
50. Doug Spacek	1911 Maxwell	Wakarusa, Kansas
51. Dick Pellow*	1908 Overland	St. Paul, Minnesota
52. Gary Griffin	1908 REO	Randolph, Minnesota
53. Clayton Swanson*	1909 Maxwell Jr.	Corcoran, Minnesota
54. Ricki Bajari*	1910 Maxwell	New London, Minnesota
55. Winston Peterson	1905 REO	Golden Valley, Minnesota
56. Rich Meyer	1910 Schacht	St. Louis Park, Minnesota

“55 drivers registered for the tour, 48 started on Saturday at 7:00 am, and 40 finished in New Brighton, between 3:30 and 5:00 pm! Finishers are noted with an asterisk by their names.”

“We welcomed 8 newcomers this year (bold).

Worth noting also is the perfect record of two participants, John Elliott and Bob Long, who have run in and completed each of the 24 tours to date. Congratulations John & Bob, well done and how ‘bout those Maxwells, too!”



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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.

Plan Now for 25th Anniversary NLNB!

So now, the volunteers of the NLNB turn their sights on the 25th Anniversary Run. The date is set, Saturday, August 13, 2011, but, that's the easy part. (It's always the second Saturday of August.) The real question is "what should we do that appropriately celebrates our quarter century of Minnesota touring?"

Over the next couple of months, the Board will put the finishing touches on the warm-up tours and the Grand Tour. As details unfold, we'll keep in touch with you through

newsletters, registration forms, and our website.

Here are some pointers to make it easier for all of us:

- Register early. We expect that those of you who have been on our tour and those of you who have had us on your "bucket lists" will want to be at this one. To guarantee your spot, register early. That means, send in your completed and signed registration form, and your check as soon as possible.
- To help you register early, we plan to have registration forms to you in

early January. If you don't get one, print one from the website in January.

- Tow drivers may be at a premium! To guarantee you get a volunteer to drive your trailer/camper/car to New Brighton, you will need to register early. There are only so many people that we can entrust with this special service. Do yourself and us a favor by registering early.
- We know you love to tour! We will be offering 4 days of pre-touring before Saturday. Make your hotel reservations now so you can take full advantage of all the countryside touring we will be offering.
- Commemorative Program: Most of you remember the special programs we put together for many years. We plan to do a collector's edition this year to commemorate this history-in-the-making event that has succeeded for 25 years! Don't forget to give us details of your car on the registration form and send a photo (unless we already have one) so you can be included.
- Minnesota Nice: We think you will enjoy the special touches we are planning, but I guess you'll have to see for yourself by joining us August 9-13. Did I mention you should register early?

Special Friends Worth Noting

The 2010 tour was different this year for several reasons. For starters, we missed the energy and smile of Steve Bottineau of Siren, Wisconsin. Steve was a constant on the tour for over a decade in his 1910 Buick. Just after completing the 2009 NLNB, he was diagnosed with cancer and passed away shortly before the 2010 tour. Steve had a "no-nonsense-just-have-fun" approach to the tours he put on and those he participated in. He will be missed by his wife Shelly, his family including all of the Pellows, as well as his Antique Car Run friends.

The Run also lost Jim

Vergin. Jim served on ACR, Inc. for 10 years, many as the Board's Treasurer. He was a classy guy and a stickler for details. That served the Board well, especially in our early years. Jim often participated in the pre-tours and was just a pleasure to know.

Finally, we can report that the one casualty of the 2010 tour, June Unrein, is doing great! June slipped while getting into the family REO at the Kingston rest stop. As fate would have it, there was an MD, Nurse and EMT in the crowd. Their quick action, kept everything under control, including



June's husband Mike.

June broke her hip and now has a brand new one. June's stay in Buffalo for the surgery and rehab was so great, she has vowed to go back there if she ever needs that kind of service again! She also vows that we will see her and Mike along with her 2 sons at the 2011 tour. And, we're going to hold her to that. Keep up the good work, June!