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You're Invited to an Anniversary Celebration

In 1987, seventeen veteran cars registered to be part of the inaugural running of the New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run. The Run was held in August and was part of New Brighton's Centennial Year Celebration. Since that year, the Run has been held annually and has attracted close to 70 cars each year. The NLNB has become an old car event recognized nationally as a premiere tour for veteran cars. As the Run celebrates its 30th Anniversary on Saturday, August 13th, we invite you to be part of this history-in-the-making tour!

What are the Chances?

Of the seventeen starters in 1987, fourteen finished for an 82% completion rate. Over the years, the field has grown steadily. For the last 10 years, registration has averaged 66 veteran cars and a completion rate of 87%. In 1994, registered cars rose to 97. But that year, only 89 cars started out

of New London and 69 crossed the finish line in New Brighton for a 77% completion rate. For the last 5 years, 90% of the cars that start in the morning from New London finish in the late afternoon in New Brighton. Drivers and cars are being better prepared for this special endurance Run.

Who comes to this prestigious tour? Our records show that over 300 different drivers have participated in the past 29 years. That demonstrates that fun breeds fun and success breeds success. It didn't take tweeting, texting or Facebook pages to

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In 2015, Archie Wohlfahrt, New Braunfels, TX, came across the finish line in his 1910 Auburn, followed closely by Canadian Ross McTavish in his 1903 Ford.



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get the word out about this tour. Many have told us that the NLNB had been on their Bucket List for awhile before they finally came. Some keep coming until they finally take home that coveted medallion. And, many drivers just come back year after year because they have so much fun. According to our books, drivers and cars from 35 different states, Canada, and England have participated. We are still waiting for old car friends from states like Arkansas, Hawaii, South Carolina and Montana to join the tour.

Perfection! Many drivers have perfect records, starting and finishing every time they've joined us. But, only two have been with us every year since 1987 and have 29 medallions among their collectibles. They are Bob Long from Fargo, North Dakota and John Elliott, the ACR Treasurer, from Edina, Minnesota. We thank them for their loyalty and wish them well on their 30th!

Your Invitation to Fun.

Over the years, the Run has featured specific models, invited special car clubs, had an English entourage, and

once even expanded eligibility. The NLNB is more than one day as we continue to say. You always have a chance to visit interesting spots that can only be found by someone who lives in the area. (Check out the last page for a few details on what Ed Walhof has planned for the 4 days prior to the Grand Tour.) The Run has never stopped being "fun and fellowship" with old cars. If you haven't been on the tour, we invite you to come to see what everyone talks about. If you've attended in the past, we invite you to come again and remember just how much fun it is driving your antique car on a 120+ mile countryside tour. If you're one of our regulars, we look forward to seeing you in August in beautiful Minnesota for the 30th running of the Antique Car Run!

1987 Trailblazers

Participants in the First NLNB

Gary Hoonsbeen 1902 Oldsmobile	Don Wendorff 1910 Buick
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Robert Long 1911 Maxwell	Norm Nielsen 1904 Oldsmobile
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Arthur Richmond 1903 Oldsmobile	Lewis Rector 1903 Ford
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David Harris 1910 Brush	Bob Leu 1910 IHC
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John Basler 1903 Oldsmobile	Jim Forest 1903 Oldsmobile
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Slim Carlson 1909 Brush	Don Hogen 1908 IHC
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Kermit Wilson 1903 Pierce Motorette	John Elliott 1904 Ford
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Dave Nyholm 1909 Maxwell	Sheldon Loewenthal 1903 Cadillac
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Roy Bernick 1903 Oldsmobile	

No Texting and Driving! But, I guess if you are as talented as Rick Lindner you can take photos while you drive. Rick has joined us annually since 2011. He's one of those that loves the laid-back fun that this tour is known for, especially if all your old Ford cronies show up!



From the President, Mike Maloney

Welcome to the 30th running of the New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run. I feel privileged to be President during the celebration of our 30th Anniversary Run.

By way of background, my interest in old cars really started when I got my first one, a 1938 Oldsmobile when I was about 14 years old. It was given to me by my Aunt. Unfortunately I never got it running. The first car I purchased was a 1940 Chevrolet after I got out of the Navy. Since then I have owned numerous old cars, some good, some not so good. I gravitated to the antique cars some time ago and have participated in at least 23 NLNB Runs. I now own a 1906 REO that Barb and I drive in the Run. Currently the car is not operational, but thanks to a wizard machinist Walter Burton, the car will be in the Run in August.

Because of our special 30th Anniversary, I'm pleased to say we are offering four full days of pre-tours to add to the fun. Along with the Grand Tour of 120+ miles on Saturday, you'll have a chance to tour over 300 miles while in Minnesota with us. There will be

plenty of interesting places to tour and we are bringing back the very popular "shore lunch" featuring Minnesota walleye this special year as well. Please come and join us for all the festivities.

The Grand Tour leaves New London early on Saturday morning. There are many stops along the way, usually with great fanfare and plenty of homemade and area-specific foods and upper Midwest specialties. There will be many spectators along the route waving and gesturing for us to blow our horns. The spectacle of the antique cars is truly appreciated by all the people along the way.

The concept of the New London to New Brighton Run was originated in the early 1980s by Norm Nielsen. A bunch of us in not-so-old cars, (I drove a 1937 Chev), drove out to New London and back to New Brighton in one day. It was a lot of fun but it was never re-enacted in that form



again. The first Antique Car Run as we know it today was in 1987. There were many people involved in the Run, but one of the prime movers was Gary Hoonsbeen. Gary had at least one of his cars in the Run every year for most of the past 29 years. His generosity to others in loaning one of his many qualifying cars was legendary. Sadly, Gary died unexpectedly on March 7th of this year. He founded the Curved Dash Olds Club in 1977 with Norm Nielsen, and was the editor of the newsletter until his death. He also authored numerous articles on technical topics for the Curved Dash Olds Club, Horseless Carriage Club, and Antique Auto Club of America. The old car hobby has lost a great friend and accomplished craftsman.

I look forward to seeing all of you on the 30th Anniversary of the New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run. Please remember this is a "reliability run," not a race, and have fun.

Sincerely,
Mike Maloney, President
ACR, Inc.



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*All of our volunteers in
the communities along
the route!*

Look what you can find in Ed's Backyard

Ed Walhof was a long time resident and businessman in New Brighton before moving to Spicer many years back. He was always an extraordinary volunteer as well. His City Council appointed assignment in 1987 during the Antique Car Run's inaugural year was to co-chair New Brighton's Centennial Celebration. That put him in the thick of things with veteran cars and this special tour. It wasn't too long before Ed caught the bug and purchased a qualifying car. Since that time, Ed has run in 25 Antique Car Runs.

Annually, Ed plans the pre-tours because he knows how much our drivers like to drive their cars. He also knows the ins and outs of what goes on in the area. Those two things make it easy for Ed to come up with interesting tours. 2016 will be no exception!



Ed has frequently escorted New London's Mayor Bill Gossman around town. This particular year was no exception.

Tuesday, August 9th ~ 46 mile tour to and at Meadow Star Dairy in Willmar
We're talking huge here. 9500 cows, 500,000 lbs of milk is produced every day which is transported by 8 tanker trucks daily. Got Milk?

Wednesday, August 10th ~ 78 mile tour to Bob Lange's Animal Mount Museum and Estate
If you like to spend some time on your computer, go to www.boblangehunts.com and sample a few of the adventures this local insurance agency owner has been on. Then, see it first hand on this tour.

Thursday, August 11th ~ 43 mile tour to a family farm in Atwater. You'll also learn about this farmer's love of hobby tractor pulls.

Friday, August 12th ~ 36 mile final warm up tour around a couple of Minnesota's 10,000 lakes, and these 2 are beauties!

Saturday, August 13th ~ 30th running of the 120+ mile New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run, with 5 rest stops in communities along the way

We Salute Del Chesness!

The Antique Car Run lost a great friend and volunteer in Del Chesness this past March. Seemed like Del always said yes when it came to helping out. He was part of our early team in New London when we needed locals to get excited about bringing this event into their small town. He even decided that he (and wife Jan) could find volunteers to drive tow vehicles to New Brighton, no big deal! Del was a loyal and active New London American Legion member. He was always on duty on Saturday morning shooting his rifle to mark the start of the Run. We salute you for your service, Del, and will sincerely miss you this August!



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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 and increase knowledge 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.

