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Excitement Builds for 25th Antique Car Run

Spring is an exciting time of year for old car enthusiasts. It's the time when calendars come out and drivers start picking and choosing where they'd like to tour and how things fit into their schedules. We encourage all of you to consider the 25th Anniversary Antique Car Run this year.

Although it is billed as Saturday, August 13, the Antique Car Run is so much more than one day. We have asked Governor Mark Dayton to declare August 7-13, "Antique Car Week" in Minnesota. Pre-tours will begin on Tuesday, August 9th, and continue through Friday, August 12th. Antique Car Run President Ed Walhof has again taken charge of arranging the warm-up tours. He has promised that they will give you plenty of touring miles, and will show you lots of unique features in the area.

Tuesday's tour is 35 miles and will take in beautiful countryside in the New London area. Participants



The NLNB takes advantage of beautiful countryside, passing lakes, farm fields, and small towns for the first two thirds of the tour. Once closer to New Brighton, the tour takes on a more-city feel. Local police help us out by turning red lights green when we need them!

will enjoy lunch together before the adventuresome proceed to a timed hill climb of Mount Tom. A catered dinner at Sibley State Park will be reminiscent of dinners at the park for many of the early years of the tour. The evening will end with a one hour cocktail boat cruise on Green Lake.

Wednesday provides a 60 mile roundtrip to the lit-

tle town of Terrace, a city built around a flour mill and dam. The quaint setting will provide great photo opportunities for those interested. This touring day concludes with dinner at The Oaks at Eagle Creek Golf Course in Willmar. Entertainment by "The Classics" playing the classics that you know and love will cap off the evening.

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From the President Ed Walhof

Minnesota has several popular claims for its tourism industry: 10,000 lakes, countless rivers and dams, state parks, beautiful landscape & countryside, loads of farmland, boating, fishing, etc. To celebrate our 25th year, we've made plans to take advantage of many of these assets during the four days of pre-touring that we will be offering.

Tuesday's tour to Atwater will include lunch at the former Strong Garage, a Ford Dealership. This part will be hosted by Dave Strong, son of Sidney Strong, the original dealer. Next is Sibley State Park for a timed hill climb. If you're not into climbing with your car, we'll direct you to the observation deck which will provide you with a panoramic view of much of Kandiyohi County. Evening is a good time to take a

cocktail cruise on Green Lake, one of the area's greatest assets.

On Wednesday, a country tour will take us to a small town built around a dam. We'll tour a turn-of-the-century building that was a flour mill. There will be great photo opportunities here. You need to experience these small towns to see what life was like back then.

The Thursday tour is shorter because the real feature is the "shore lunch" we have planned for you on the shores of Green Lake. Shore lunches of pan-fried walleye are classic Minnesota. For the sportsmen, it will be a time to reminisce, and for the non-fishermen, a time to create a new memory. On Thursday night, you'll have a chance to meet your volunteer tow drivers. We've invited



them to be our guests in part to thank them for the great job they do for us, but also so you can get to know your drivers. The entrée will be turkey straight from Hormel's Jennie-O Turkey Store in Willmar. Better be prepared to move your belt a notch or two.

Friday's tour is a leisurely 30 miles that showcases 2 beautiful lakes in the area. The evening includes letting the whole community appreciate you and your old car with a short parade and then a

community dinner at the local legion.

The NLNB has long been known as a very driver-friendly Run set on mostly country roads, making it relaxing and enjoyable. If you haven't experienced this Run yet, you're invited to join us during our special 25th Anniversary week. If you've done it before, we will expect to see you in Minnesota in August. You won't want to miss it.

Happy Touring,

Jim Forest, Leader & Friend of Car Run, Leaves Us



Antique Car Run, Inc. lost a long time member of the Board of Directors recently. Jim Forest died this past February in Minneapolis. Jim was on the Board of the Car Run for 17 years and served as President for 3 years in the early 90s. He provided outstanding leadership in the early years when the event was evolving into a nationally recognized tour for very early cars. His attention to detail could

make you crazy but inevitably served the Run well. Jim and his steady navigator/wife Helen participated in 20 Runs, completing 18 of them. Much like his Brush, Jim was a slow but sure volunteer you could always count on. It was rewarding to see so many of Jim's car friends at the gathering his family had. We hope to continue to see Helen at the finish line in the years to come.

Nuts & Bolts

Here are just a few tidbits that will make your tour the best it can be, or, convince you not to miss the 25th Anniversary Run.

- Register early. Help us help you by letting us know you are coming. We expect close to 100 cars this year. By registering early, we will be better prepared with tow drivers, name tags, drivers' packets, parking spaces, etc. You also save money. The entry fee increases as we get closer to the Run.

- Fill out your form completely. We need complete details for insurance purposes. And don't forget to sign your form on the back. We want these details out of the way before you get to the registration office. Find forms at

www.antiquecarrun.org.

- Bringing a motor home? We will be ready for you. There is plenty of parking in the New London High School lot.

- Send us a photo and information for the 25th Anniversary Commemorative Program. If you are a regular on the tour, we have snapped a photo of you in the past and will use it. We encourage newcomers to email/mail us a photo so we can include your car in the publication. Also, give us those details about your car that are fun to share with our spectators.

Emails to judygoepel@gmail.com.

- We will be welcoming drivers from the Early Ford

Tour which is basing out of Paynesville, right outside of New London. The group is touring Aug. 5-7. We hope to see them join us. More information about the tour is

available at www.earlyfordregistry.com.

- ACR, Inc. hoped to produce a video of the 25th Anniversary Run. Unfortunately we were unable to

secure the \$3000 needed through a foundation grant request. If anyone knows a resource for these funds, give Ed a call at 320-894-6663.



25th Anniversary New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run Saturday, August 13, 2011



“Silver Anniversary Run”

Schedule of Events

Tuesday, August 9 – Clipping along then Climbing

35 mile morning tour in New London area

Timed hill climb up Mt. Tom

Dinner in Sibley State Park, Cocktail Boat Cruise on Green Lake

Wednesday August 10 – Touring Terrace & Toe-Tapping

60 mile tour to Terrace Mill, a small town built around a flour mill and dam

Dinner on the patio at The Oaks at Eagle Creek Golf Club in Willmar

Evening fun continues with entertainment by “The Classics”

Thursday, August 11 -- Good-Eating, Minnesota-Style

30 mile tour in the Spicer area

Special “Shore Lunch” on Green Lake

Touring to Sheehan's Country Store and Antiques,

a flower garden with an old covered bridge

Evening “meet, greet and eat” event with the volunteer tow drivers

Friday, August 12 – Around the Lakes, Root Beer Floats & Birthday Cake

Traditional Pre-Run Get Ready Day, brunch and drivers' meeting

30 mile tour around Nest and Green Lakes with hospitality stop at Melvin's on Green Lake for root beer floats and a special “25th Anniversary” cake

Parade down Main Street followed by the community steak & chicken fry

Saturday, August 13 – The 25th Anniversary Grand Tour

7:00 am start, oldest and slowest departing first

Rest stops at Grove City, Litchfield, Kingston, Buffalo, Crystal

Finish Line in New Brighton at Long Lake Park, 3-7 pm

Awards ceremony, presentations of medallions

Sunday, August 14 – Cars & Parts

25th Annual New Brighton Car Show and Swap Meet, 8-4,
part of Stockyard Days which continues at Long Lake Park

Anyone Need a Plumber?

Richard Lichtfeld looked like a plumber on a house call at the 2010 tour. He was behind the wheel of his 1909 Mason which was sporting its truck body (one of two the Mason has) on the tour. Richard is from Monona, Wisconsin. He shared that he inherited the car from his grandfather's estate in 1954 and started to restore it. But marriage and a family forced him to box up everything and put the Mason into storage. (Raise your hand if that sounds familiar.) Some 10 years ago while hos-

pitalized for bypass surgery, Richard thought "if I die no one will know where all these parts go and it could get thrown out, so I finished the restoration in two years." His time and determination provided all of the spectators along the route and at the New Brighton finish line (yes, he did make it on his first NLNB attempt) with a special thrill seeing the on-call plumber arrive!



Richard and his navigator Bill Podel enjoyed the sunshine at last year's Run. Minnesota mornings in August can start cool, but the Run takes advantage of some of the state's best weather, with an average low of 61 and high of 80 in August.

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The Willmar Car Club has been invited to drive their "classics" to this event as well, to reinforce the car theme.

Thursday you get to catch your breath a bit with a 20 mile tour in the Spicer area. Points of interest will include Sheehan's Country Store with its newly finished lower level, along with a tour of the gardens, landscaping and covered bridge of locals Ken & Kay Johnson. The truly Minnesota part of this day will be the "shore lunch" that you'll enjoy at a local park on Green Lake. Minnesota shore lunches include pan fried walleye and fried potatoes, along with desserts made with local seasonal berries. You don't want to miss this! Thursday evening continues the Minnesota theme. You'll have a chance to meet your volunteer tow driver who is

invited to have supper on the Car Run. The casual setting will be Salisbury Beach on Green Lake and the menu will feature turkey from the Jennie -O Turkey Store in Willmar, the world's leading processor and marketer of turkey products. Corn on the cob, wild rice and berry cobbler, classic Minnesota foods, will also be part of the picnic fare.

Friday is a classic in itself. This day hasn't changed much in the 24 year history of the New London-New Brighton. It just works. The day starts with brunch and a drivers' meeting. You'll hear rules that you need to know, last minute changes to the route, and other details that will make your tour successful. This year's brunch will include a live auction of a 25th Anniversary Antique Car Run Quilt. The quilt includes all T-shirts from the 25 years of

the Run. Should be fun! A 30 mile tour around beautiful Nest and Green Lakes follows. The traditional root beer float stop at Melvin's will be offered during the tour. Once back in New London, drivers will line up at the nursing home on the hill before parading down Main Street enroute to the community steak & chicken fry at the Legion.

How much more fun can you have in one week? Sample a real taste of Minnesota in the places, food and friends you'll experience during Antique Car Week with us. Those are the guaranteed ingredients of the 25th Anniversary Antique Car Run. Do plan to join us.

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