

# IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT

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## Recruitment Underway for NLNB, August 11th

Here we go again! Seems like we are still coming down from our momentous 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and we're already planning for the next one! The annual Antique Car Run is Saturday, August 11, 2012. As always, there will be several days of touring before hand to fine tune your engines for the big day.

The pre-tours also are designed to just plain have fun with your old cars and your friends in the hobby.

Past President Ed Walhof is one of our Board members from the New London area which makes it prefect for him to be in charge of planning pre-tours in the local area. He has scheduled over 100 miles of countryside touring to keep you busy.

Pre-tours begin on Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, and continue through Friday, Au-

gust 10<sup>th</sup>. First stop on Wednesday is a visit to Dunnick's Construction Company. Ed got us invited to use the large construction scales. Everyone will have a chance to "jump on the scales" to get weighed and measured. If you are watching your car's weight, I'm sure you can jump out before the scale announces the

result! Should be fun! There is also a visit to Long Lake Antiques to give you an opportunity to find some local treasures.

Thursday provides a rendezvous with the Airstream Club that will be visiting the area the same time as we are. The morning tour will

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*At 7:21 am, the Mayors of New Brighton and New London sent Bob and Sue Troendly of Loveland, Colorado off on their 120 mile trek last year. The Troendlys finished at 5:00 pm.*



## From President Jeff Amundsen



*Jeff has been part of the Board since 2007. His wife Linda and other members of the family have volunteered as the T-shirt sales crews for many years as well. Jeff has driven the tour for 8 years, finishing in his Maxwell 7 times.*

## What they're saying about the NLNB....

The NLNB Antique Car Run is held over the second Saturday of August annually. It coincides with New Brighton's historic Stockyard Days which serves as the finish line. New London's Music Fest

follows the NLNB the next Saturday. That works well for the little city of 900 when some 60 antique cars take over the streets for the week.

The following comments came off of evalua-

tions from the 2011 NLNB.

*"In general, one of the best organized tours I've ever been on. Well done!" Gil Fitzhugh, New Jersey*

*"The finish line is a highlight. The crowd participa-*

*see more than 120 miles of Minnesota beauty, as well as a great opportunity to "stop and smell the roses" at a somewhat slower pace than a lot of us are used to. So bring your family and friends out to join us this August!*

Hope to see you all there,



*Nebraskan Rob Heyen and Ohioan Rick Lindner spent some time polishing their brass between pre-tours in New London. The New London School District generously lets campers and trailers set up shop in the High School parking lot, a perfect spot, within walking distant of the starting line.*

*tion is incredible. Don't change a thing." Rob Heyen, Nebraska*

*"Being my first run, I can say it was a blast." Lyle Severson, Minnesota*

*"This is the touring highlight of the year! This is so very much fun and very well run!" Anonymous*

*"We have been antique car touring for 18 years. The New London – New Brighton is the 'tops'." Nevy & Kerstin Clark, Georgia*

*"Great roads and little traffic." Carlton Pate, Connecticut*

*"In my view, it ain't broke and no need of fixin'!" Gregg Lange, Michigan*



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make a coffee stop at Dickerson's Resort on Lake Florida. You'll have a chance to visit with Air-stream owners and see some very early units that will be part of their annual get-together. As always, Thursday evening provides drivers with their opportunity to meet, greet, and eat with our volunteer tow drivers. Dinner will be at a local park. This is your chance to get to know your assigned driver and share any information they need to know about your tow vehicle and trailer.

Friday is our traditional "get ready" day. You'll be guided around a couple of lovely lakes (2 of 10,000 in Minnesota) providing a great snapshot of the local homes and area. This is the day to work out the kinks because you still have time

*Canadians  
Hugo & Linda  
Vermeulen  
were greeted at  
the 2012 finish  
line by the host  
city Mayors at  
the end of the  
day at the Long  
Lake Park in  
New Brighton.  
These "first-  
timers" received  
a silver medal-  
lion for their  
efforts.*



to get road-ready for Saturday's Grand Tour. And, we haven't forgotten your favorite part of Friday, the root beer float stop. This year it shifts to a nearby beach park.

Saturday's 120+ mile grand tour will begin early. The parking lot of New London's Peace Lutheran Church will be bustling

with activity by 5:30 as cars and drivers prepare for the 7:00 – 8:00 am start. Early is good, because you'll have 5 stops, live music, friendly people and plenty of food, along the way to New Brighton.

For those of you who have done the NLNB before, you'll see familiar faces and places as you tour

with us. For you newcomers, you'd be welcomed in classic Minnesota-style and you can cross this special tour off your bucket list (although we know you will want to come back).

Don't miss the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Antique Car Run. Register today!

## Meet the Newest Director, Mike Maloney

Mike Maloney of Minnetonka, MN, graciously accepted our call and was elected the newest member of the Antique Car Run, Inc. Board of Directors this past fall. Mike brings a wealth of interest and experience with old cars.

According to Mike, he remembers liking old cars since he was 5 years old. He didn't own one until 1965, however. Presently, Mike has the 1908 REO he takes on the NLNB, along with a '14 Model T Runabout, a '16 Pierce Arrow Model 38 Touring Car, a '30 Pierce Arrow Converti-

ble Coupe, and a '57 Ford Retractable Convertible.

Mike feels "Old car people are the 'salt of the earth.' I've been helped by old car people from all over this country. This has been a wonderful life-long hobby."

We are looking forward to putting Mike to work for you on this premiere car event!

*Mike and his faithful navigator Barb Van Eps finished in style last year. Mike has 7 other NLNB medallions in his collection as well.*



## Did you Know?

- The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Run had 83 registered cars, with 71 starting and 64 finishing.

- Over the years, 87% of cars that start the NLNB cross the finish line. 90% of the starters at the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary tour finished.

- In 2011, 4 female drivers crossed the finish line.

- Over 300 volunteers assist in New London, New Brighton, and the cities along the route. We couldn't do it without them! We especially thank the starting crew in New London, and the groups that host the 5

rest stops on Saturday: Grove City's Trinity Lutheran Church, Litchfield's American legion, Kingston's Lions Club, Buffalo's Wright County Car Club, Crystal's Senior Club, and the New Brighton finish line hosted by the Stockyard Days volunteers.

- The 25th NLNB saw 11 Fords start from New London and 11 finish in New Brighton. There has been some conversation about Maxwells rallying to do a series of tours in the area prior to the NLNB tours. Stay tuned!



*Tom Goyne's 1902 White drew a lot of attention at last year's Run. According to Tom, the Model B steam car is the 8th oldest known to exist. It is the 340<sup>th</sup> built by the White Sewing Machine Co., a leader in making steam cars back then. It boasts a 2 cylinder, 6 hp engine, with a flash boiler for rapid warm-up. Its top speed is 30 mph and it carries enough water for 20 miles and enough gas for 100 mph. Tom captured a silver finisher's medallion at the end of the day.*

## Find it at [www.antiquecarrun.org](http://www.antiquecarrun.org)

Thanks for your patience while the Antique Car Run website was undergoing re-building. Those of you looking for information on the 2012 Run probably got a little frustrated. It's up and running with updated information now.

Just go to [www.antiquecarrun.org](http://www.antiquecarrun.org) when you need information

or have questions. We have registration flyers and forms about the current event posted there. You can link to Board members to send an email or find our phone numbers to talk to us directly. We hope to continue to add features and information as we get more familiar with the process.

The NLNB site was originally developed by

Ford owner Dave Dunlavy many years ago. He continued to manage things for us since its inception. We are grateful for Dave's help over the years. He provided technical expertise along with posting photos, etc., all at no cost to us. Thanks again Dave for everything.

We're going from a Webmaster to a Webmistress I guess. Our latest volunteer to step up is Cindy Rodgers from right in New London. Cindy loves techy stuff and hopefully will be anxious to put her mark on our website. Thanks to Board Member Mary Kuperus for recruiting

Cindy's help. (Gotta be careful being friends with Mary!) Don't hesitate to give us feedback and your ideas.



*Dave Dunlavy captured his 7th NLNB medallion last year. It was the first year for his newly restored 1905 Model F Ford.*

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