



*Wisconsin Society of  
Automotive Historians*  
**WSAH**

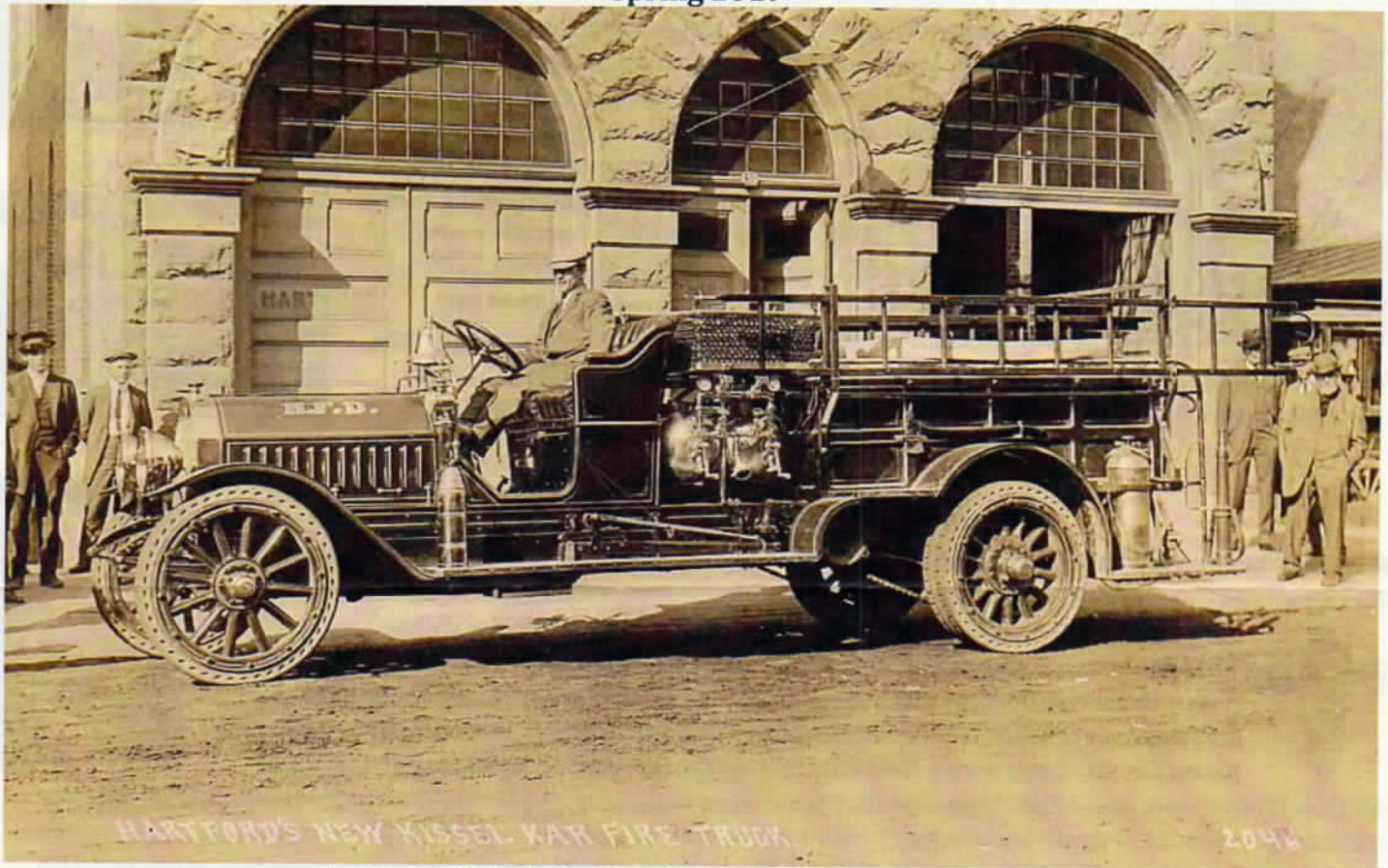
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*New Kessel Kar Firetruck (Kessel Motor Car Company) [Hartford, Wisconsin] – 1910's*

### A Few Words from the President

Our annual WSAH spring meeting at the Wisconsin Automotive Museum in Hartford will be happening Saturday April 13, 2019. The meeting is at 2:00 p.m., but be certain to come as early as 10:00 a.m. to give yourself time to look through the museum and visit with the other members. Please be certain to read details in the meeting notice section of this Carhart Chronicle. The Studebaker Club will also be meeting at the museum and will be setting up for their lunch on the first floor, so please be aware as you work your way around that area. A reminder to all, and especially to newer members, to check out our website ([www.wisconsin-auto-historians.org](http://www.wisconsin-auto-historians.org)) which gives you access to all previous issues of the Carhart Chronicle, as well as our previous publication, Spark. Also, check out the SAH (National) site, [www.autohistory.org](http://www.autohistory.org), which has a lot of information plus links to various other sites. I encourage everyone to consider joining SAH now that they have the \$20 digital membership fee.

We are again expecting changes at the Iola Car Show (ICS), July 11-13. Those members who helped at or attended last year know that we had considerable changes from the preceding couple of decades. The tent that was once 80' X 200' was downsized to 60' X 80', but we parked about 25 feature vehicles inside the former Krause/F+W building which is now owned by ICS. For the Iola '19 Special Exhibit the theme is "Calling All Car Clubs" and preliminary plans are to eliminate our tent and set up our area inside the building along with approximately 50 vehicles. Most of you know that the ICS is our major source of funding and if any more members wish to get involved, please let me know. We have organized and staffed the Special Exhibit/Theme area beginning in 1990 for Iola '91. We can discuss details at our Hartford meeting.

Our Carhart Chronicle Editor-Publisher, David Gilbert Tesch, had informed us some time ago that this would be his last issue. I have tried to convince him to stay on – short of using lethal force – but, so far, in vain. Therefore, we are seeking a replacement for the position. Any takers? Please talk with me if you are interested. I try to be of some help by proofreading and occasionally writing an article. I encourage all members to submit articles (rough drafts are even okay) or any items of interest to help out.

I hope to see many of you in Hartford and would especially like to see members who I have not yet met.

Ken (PFL\*) Nimocks -- \*President For Life

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### Remembering - Lawrence {Larry} F. Menard

WSAH member Lawrence {Larry} F. Menard of Eau Claire Wisconsin passed away March 12, 2019 at age



74. Larry's in-depth interest/knowledge of automotive history was well known. He maintained his own sizable automotive history museum displaying not only a considerable variety of unique historical/rare vehicles [including the Menards Race-Car] but also a large unique collection of automobilia-memorabilia. Larry's passion for historical preservation became definitely apparent when he personally rescued a very unique/original 1957 Chevrolet Bel-Air Convertible by purchasing it directly from Jesse James [the customizer/fabricator of West Coast Choppers-Monster Garage fame] before he was able to make his already planned television spectacular out of dismantling such a rare and perfect collector car thus making a "Hot-Rod" of some sort. Larry worked out a deal with Jesse and now this vehicle is exhibited with pride in his museum. Larry was one of the individuals from western Wisconsin early on to eagerly join the



Wisconsin Chapter of WSAH. His knowledge of, and passion for, transportation history preservation were of immeasurable value and, along with his friendship, will be missed.



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### Remembering - Everett E. Blakeley, Jr.

WSAH member Everett E. Blakeley, Jr. of Eau Claire Wisconsin passed away March 14, 2019 at age 74.

Everett's interest/passion was extremely diverse. He was heavily involved in collecting, restoring, maintaining value, bringing back in minute detail to their original grandeur rare-unique historic antique automobiles/motorcycles including Nashes, Crosleys, Dodges, and antique Harley Davidsons to name just a very few. All his vehicles were stored and worked on at his personal facility which had previously been the original auto-body/repair shop for the REO Motor Car Company during the initial third of the 20<sup>th</sup> century located in an Eau Claire

historic neighborhood. An additional passion that Everett had was being a collector/restorer/preserver of rare-historic firearms possessing an in-depth knowledge of their background. Everett was one of the initial individuals from western Wisconsin early on to join the Wisconsin Chapter of WSAH and did so with a zeal. Those who knew him appreciated his extensive historic automotive knowledge/heritage. His friendship and contribution to our historical knowledge will definitely be missed.



# Historic-Antique Car Display/Activities Calendar of Events 2019

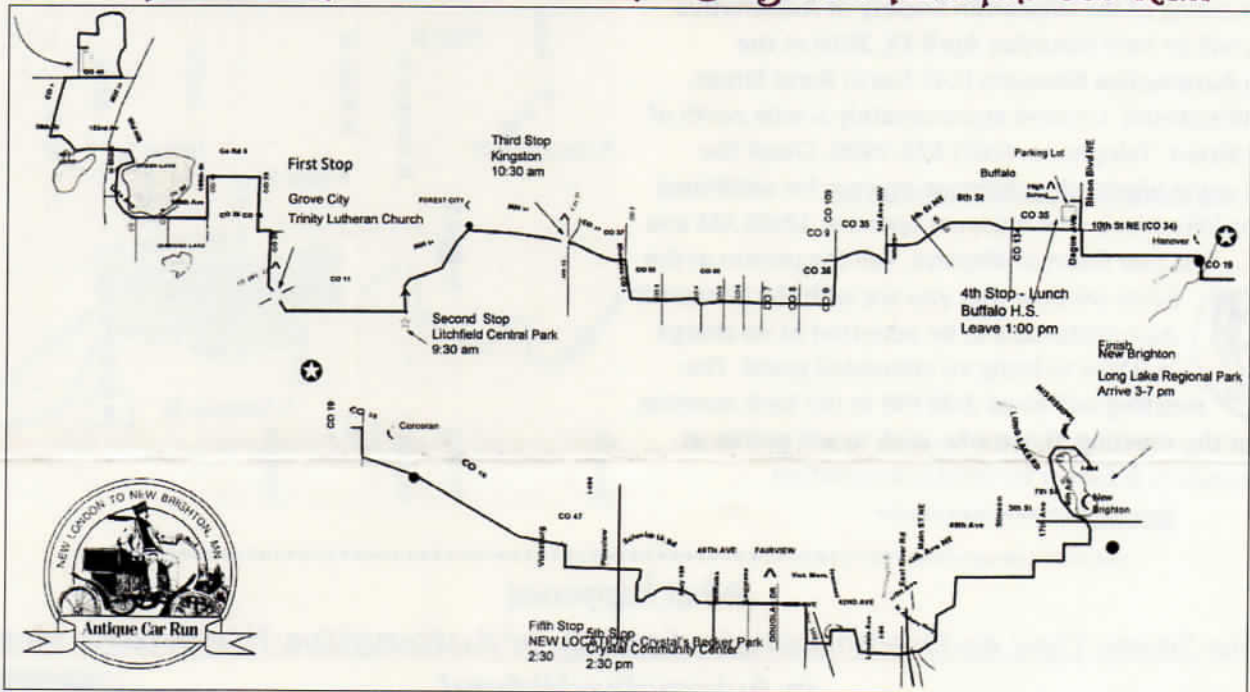
August 10

New Brighton, Minnesota

33<sup>rd</sup> Annual New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run  
[Long Lake Regional Park]

\*\* limited to 1908/earlier vehicles & 1 or 2 cylinder vehicles up to 1915 including powered bikes, motorcycles, steam, electric cars

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On August 10<sup>th</sup> an activity of historic automotive educational/informational significance is the Annual New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run. This annual antique automotive endurance run includes approximately 70+ automobiles [gas-steam-electric]/motorcycles/bikes of 1908 or older vintage (with allowance up to 1915 for 1 or 2 cylinder) vehicles [long lost to manufacturing history] from throughout the United States and Canada (in 2006 for the 20th Anniversary Run, 82 cars registered, 72 started in New London and 65 crossed the finish line in New Brighton). With a 7:00 AM start out of the community of New London this historical caravan snakes its way picturesquely across the state of Minnesota with 5 Pit-Stops in various communities along the way. The final destination of New Brighton is usually reached at between 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM to a crowd coming to observe the various brass automobiles/motorcycles/ drivers-passengers dressed in period attire. The tour is designed to demonstrate the endurance of these veteran cars. Drivers take their time traveling an average of 20 mph and stop along the way to help others "tweak" their engines and make repairs. The goal is for everyone to cross the finish line. Drivers have a required stop in Buffalo, the 75 mile point, and cannot leave there until 1:00 pm. They cannot cross the finish line until 3:00 pm to qualify for the finisher's medallion. WSAH member Gene Grengs has been extensively involved in this activity since close to its inception completing the run in a variety of unique/historic vehicles.



Antique Car Run Website: <http://www.anticquecarrun.org>



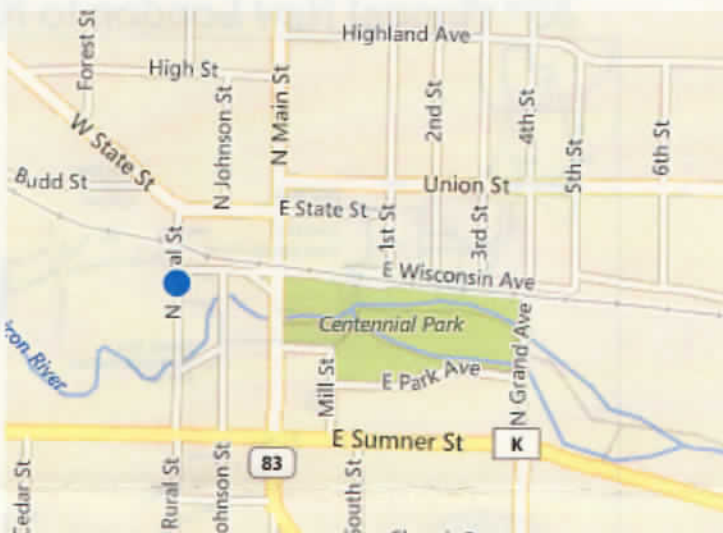
## WSAH Annual Spring Meeting:

The next meeting of the **Wisconsin Society of Automotive Historians** will be held **Saturday April 13, 2019** at the **Wisconsin Automotive Museum** (147 North Rural Street, Hartford, Wisconsin). Located approximately ¼ mile north of E. Sumner Street. Telephone: (262) 673-7999. Check the website at [www.wisconsinautomuseum.com](http://www.wisconsinautomuseum.com) for additional information/directions. The museum opens at 10:00 AM and has two floors of displays. Tell the person at the ticket window that you are with the Wisconsin Auto Historians to be admitted at no charge. Feel free to bring an interested guest. **The meeting will be at 2:00 PM** in the back meeting room. After the meeting, those who wish to will gather at Hank's Restaurant & Eatery for food/conversation.



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**See Map** >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>



### What happened

## 'On the Same Day as the Wisconsin Society of Automotive Historians Meeting' in Automotive History?

**April 13<sup>th</sup>**

**1925 Elwood P. Haynes died in Kokomo, Indiana**

**Elwood P. Haynes** (October 14, 1857 – April 13, 1925) died on this date in Kokomo, Indiana, at the age of 67. Haynes was an American inventor, metallurgist, automotive pioneer, entrepreneur and industrialist. He invented the metal alloys stellite and martensitic stainless steel and designed one of the earliest automobiles made in the United States. He is recognized for having created the earliest American design that was feasible for mass production and, with the Apperson brothers, he formed the first company in the United States to produce automobiles profitably. He made many advances in the automotive industry. Early in his career, while serving as a field superintendent at gas and oil companies during Indiana's gas boom, Haynes invented several devices important to the advance of the natural gas industry. When working for the Indiana Natural Gas and Oil Company, he oversaw the construction of the first long-distance natural gas pipeline in the United States, connecting Chicago with the Trenton Gas Field 150 miles (240 km) away. He began to formulate plans for a motorized vehicle in the early 1890s; he successfully road tested his first car, the Pioneer, on July 4, 1894—eight years after the first automobile was patented in Germany. He formed a partnership with Elmer and Edgar Apperson in 1896 to start Haynes-Apperson for the commercial production of automobiles. He renamed it Haynes



*First Haynes Apperson Automobile*

Automobile Company in 1905, following the loss of his partners. Working in his laboratory to develop new corrosion-resistant metals for auto parts, Haynes discovered that mixing tungsten with chromium, steel and iron resulted in the formation of strong and lightweight alloys that were impervious to corrosion, and could endure high temperatures. In 1912, he formed Haynes Stellite Company to produce one of the new alloys, and received lucrative contracts during World War I, making Haynes a millionaire in 1916. He sold his patent for stainless steel to the American Stainless Steel Company in exchange for enough stock to gain a seat at the company's board of directors, a position he held for 12 years. He merged the Haynes Stellite company with Union Carbide in 1920. After passing through different owners, the company was renamed and is now called Haynes International. Haynes returned his focus to his automotive company, but in the economic recession of the 1920s the business went bankrupt and was liquidated.



### THE 1904 HAYNES

Timoney, \$2,300—

Light Touring Car, \$1,450

SEE OUR EXHIBIT AT ST. LOUIS FAIR

THE HAYNES-APPERSON CO., Kokomo, Ind., U. S. A.

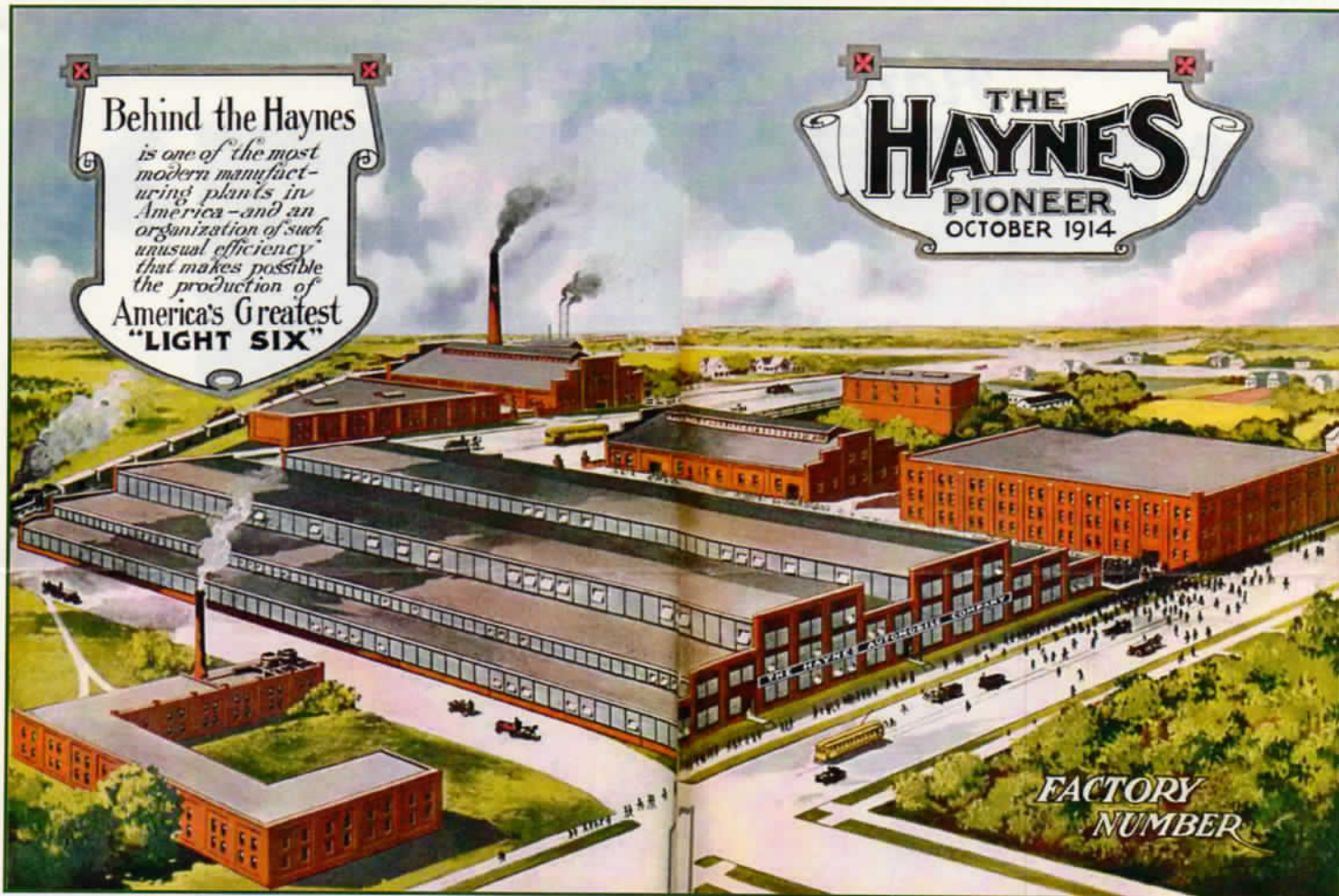
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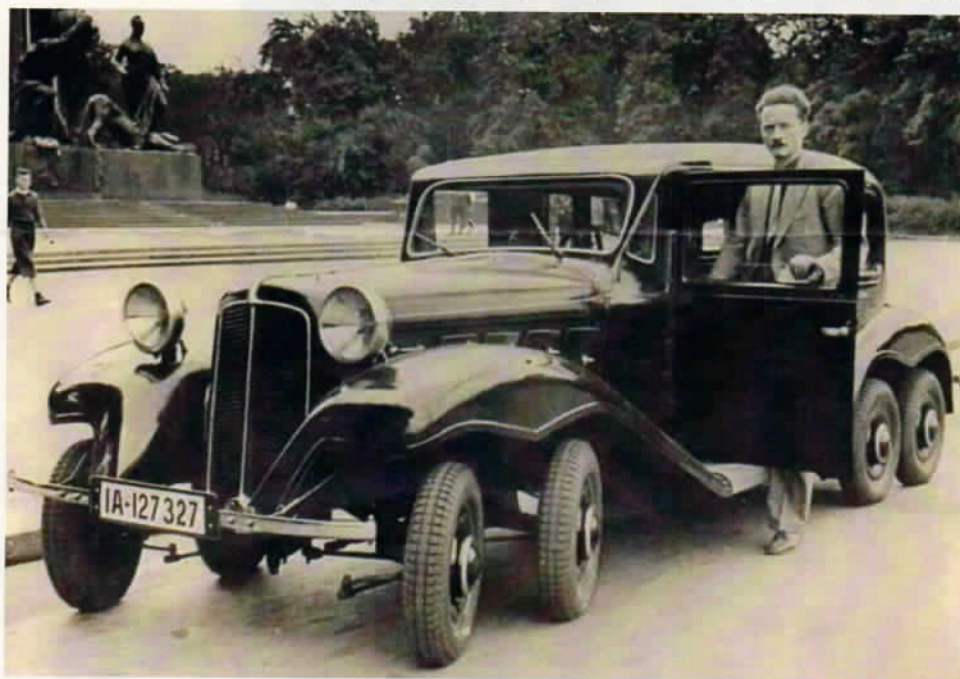


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### Strange But True

Concepts/Ingenuity/Design/Creativity/Inventiveness in the Automotive Field



### Shades of the Reeves Octo-Auto & Sexto-Auto

appeared in mid-thirties Germany with this *eight-wheeled Adler* developed by Berlin engineer **Gotthard Rimek** who claimed that it gave a smoother and better ride than the four-wheeled vehicle. Little detail was given with the photo, but considering what Germany was planning at the time, the car probably was of more than passing interest to military transportation specialists!

*(from February 29, 1936, Automotive Industries)*

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**DVD Promotion/Sales:** Promotion continues for the Gene Grengs Collection DVD project. A number have been individually requested/sold. WSAH members are strongly encouraged to promote this unique/historic WSAH publication/production within their personal communities {libraries, museums, educational institutions, etc}.

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Happy Easter { 1910 }

