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Main Street [Manawa, Wisconsin] – 1920's

A Few Words from the President

The Iola Car Show is coming up quickly and as always we will need some volunteers. Those of you who have been there to help in the past know the drill, others may contact me and I will help you with the process. Phone me at 920-655-2740 (mobile) or email me at knimocks@netnet.net. Some of you have let me know you will be there, but please confirm day(s) and time(s). We can always use some early risers as gates open at 6 a.m. Also, if you need a worker packet, including a parking and entry pass, I can mail one to you.

Don Gullikson and I met at the Car Show office on May 10 to select vehicles for the tent display. We worked with some of the Show staff and Old Cars Weekly editor Angelo Van Bogart. Jim Morrison was to be there but had to cancel at the last minute. We have intentionally kept this a small group for expediency.

I was very disappointed that I was unable to attend the SAH meeting in Michigan at the Gilmore museum. Dan Manola and Bob Barr did make the trip and you can read their reports in this issue of the Carhart Chronicle. (I was scheduled for knee replacement, but in a continuing saga of a few other medical issues, it has been postponed three times. I will likely be hobbling around at Iola or sitting and using the cart even more than usual.)

Our members have a wide variety of interests, but the common thread is automotive, in all its forms: historical, technical, personalities, and more. I trace my automotive obsession to age three or four. At one time I was getting more than 20 car magazines a month and although I have cut back considerably, I still get several and a wide range, from Hemming's Classic Cars to Hot Rod (started saving every issue since 1961 when I was in 8th grade). When I recently got a chance to read my latest Street Rodder, there I saw a feature article on WSAH member Mike Markin's 1938 Graham "Sharknose." I had seen it in a previous issue as one of the finalists for the very prestigious Ridler Award. I know that not everyone is thrilled with modified vehicles, but can't imagine that anyone would not appreciate the incredible craftsmanship and artistry of this car. Hey, aren't we supposed to celebrate diversity? Check out Mike's Graham at www.theshark-shop.com or the latest Street Rodder.

Ken (PFL*) Nimocks

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Wisconsin Society of Automotive Historians

Minutes from Spring Meeting (April 8, 2017)

With exceptional weather and an invitation to The Automobile Gallery of Green Bay by the gracious benefactor William "Red" Lewis, our group enjoyed a beautiful meeting room and a bird's eye view of The Gallery's offerings. Members present at the meeting include the following: President Ken Nimocks, Carhart Chronicle Editor David Tesch, Treasurer Gary Koehnke, Director Don Chandler, Secretary Dan Manola, Director Jim Morris, Gene Steinfeldt, Dan Sharpee, George Tesar, Webmaster Jessica Zdanowicz, Wally Heil, Mitch Swenson and daughter Brooklyn, Tommy Kujava, Don Gullikson, Fred Beyer, Bob Barr, Tom McMahon, and Ken's guest Greg Vanark (who became a new member).

There was no reading of minutes of fall meeting at Hill & Valley in September as they were previously published in the December Carhart Chronicle.

Treasurer's Report -- The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Ken Nimocks followed by an introduction by each member of name and area of residence. Treasurer Gary Koehnke gave the report of our present financials and a motion by Gene Steinfeldt was made to accept and seconded by Dan Sharpee. Our present policy of \$5 annual dues was brought to discussion and it was felt that with present expenses and our group doing more we should raise the dues to \$15. This amount was felt as to not be a burden for any of the members and would help with the additional demands of our treasury. The increase was approved and will take effect January 2018. We also brought up our annual donation to the Wisconsin Automotive Museum and Mitch Swenson made a motion that we continue with the original amount and the motion was approved.

Note: Detailed Treasurer's report available from Gary or Ken. Copy of the full minutes is available from Ken or Dan Manola.

New Business -- Being at The Automobile Gallery for this meeting also introduced how the working of The Gallery was financed. It was explained that "Red" donated the building and a large car collection to the city of Green Bay and a sharing of the maintenance and upkeep of The Gallery would have donors and benefactors as well. Fred Beyer and Tom Kujava explained how the different groups and individuals were able to help. Fred Beyer made a motion that our group make a donation of \$250 to The Automobile Gallery and Dan Manola seconded the motion. A vote among members made the donation agreeable.

Society of Automotive Historians -- Bob Barr explained the \$20 per year SAH membership and the workings of it for members choosing it. Instead of being mailed the various paper brochures and journals, a member is sent these by email. It is an economical choice for the difference of \$50 annual dues compared to \$20. George Tesar has been appointed to the list of potential choices for a seat on the board of the SAH.

Honorary/Emeritus Member -- Another item on our agenda was to explain the meaning of what a Member Emeritus would be defined as well as what we would consider an Honorary Member. We would need to define the parameters for each designation and take a vote on a member reaching such a status. Our website was also brought up for what we would like to show in regard to information and links. These topics will be further discussed at Iola.

Iola Car Show -- Iola has cancelled the Vintage Military and Gun Show. A change is taking place where our participation is becoming more diminished at the show. Fred Beyer mentioned his participation has been eliminated.

Jim Morris made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Dan Sharpee. Next Carhart Chronicle will have information for our July meeting at Iola.

Respectfully Submitted, Secretary Dan Manola



AUTOMOTIVE HISTORY CONFERENCE
SOCIETY OF AUTOMOTIVE HISTORIANS
(GILMORE AUTO MUSEUM – HICKORY CORNERS, MICHIGAN)



APRIL 28, 2017

by

Daniel W. Manola

After a, for the most part, pleasurable drive to the Sheraton Four Pointe, Bob and I checked in and made ready for our Friday morning meeting at the Gilmore Auto Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan. The meeting began with introductions at a very comfortable meeting room provided by the gracious folks at Gilmore. Members of the SAH which I was introduced to were President Andrew Beckman, Vice-President Edward Garten, Treasurer Reuben Verdes by phone connection, (acting) Secretary Robert Casey, Louis Fourie, John Heitmann, John Marino, Doug Leighton, Matt Short, Don Capps, and of course, SAH Chapters Chair Robert Barr.

The group had a great deal of business to conduct ranging from the newly instituted policy of \$20.00 memberships and the policies involved with having the memberships begun, to determining candidates for offices for the coming year and the committees which nominate entries of newly written books and articles. Pamphlets of all the agendas were given to each attendee. A copy will be given to president Ken Nimocks and anyone choosing to view the pamphlet can see Ken.

Coffee, water, beverages, and snacks were provided the members at the meeting for those in attendance, with a short break at about 10:00 a.m. A good deal of discussion followed each item brought forth in the pamphlet and Andrew Beckman didn't let too much discussion slow the meeting and the work that needed to be completed. Atmosphere of the meeting however was most casual.

Upon completion of the meeting, members strolled out to get in some viewing of the museum. I found the Gilmore Research Library a welcome stop before entering some of the buildings housing the autos. The museum dwarfs other research libraries I have visited. The downstairs portion of the library now houses what was General Motors' patent archive. Every club publication, such as the CCCA periodical, MARC News, MAFCA Restorer, AACA publication, Auto Topics, Auto Weekly, and any others are all displayed neatly in sleeves. Companies which marketed auto parts and accessories are all displayed. Any book ever written on the subject of autos, trucks, tractors, and airplanes is stored on the plentiful shelves. One with enough food and water could spend weeks taking in all the auto history delicacies.

Upon returning to the Gilmore on Saturday morning a tour of the various buildings was arranged for the members to take. I chose to take a self-guided tour as my time to spend at the museum was limited. The displays are well laid out with plenty of room to move around the cars. The cars are displayed under spot lights and some provisions must be made when photographing them. The cars are broken down per building as Classic Cars, Cadillac, Lincoln, Pierce Arrow, and more. If planning to attend the Gilmore, arm yourself with enough film or a large enough memory card in your camera. This trip with Bob Barr was another item off my bucket list, hopefully not my last trip to Gilmore.

SOCIETY OF AUTOMOTIVE HISTORIANS
*** SEMIANNUAL BOARD MEETING ***
(GILMORE AUTO MUSEUM – HICKORY CORNERS, MICHIGAN)

APRIL 28, 2017

by

Robert G. Barr

The SAH semiannual board meeting was held at the Gilmore Car Museum campus on Friday, April 28, 2017. The spring board meeting traditionally moves around the country; the venue at Gilmore allowed Dan Manola to attend the meeting and personally report to the board about the WSAH. Dan and his wife Susan's willingness to drive some 200 miles each way, and stay overnight to be able to attend the meeting, was greatly appreciated by the board.

Dan presented a comprehensive review of WSAH activities, emphasizing the chapter's work at the Iola Car Show and the chapter's support of the Wisconsin Automotive Museum. Dan brought a stack of books authored by WSAH members and/or pertaining to Wisconsin automotive history, which were displayed down the middle of the conference room table for board members to peruse during the day. The board members came away from the meeting with a new appreciation for the WSAH and how a chapter can develop a sense of mission by providing a service to, and being a supporter of, automotive history events and institutions.

After Dan's presentation, SAH Chapters Chair (and WSAH member) Bob Barr presented reports to the board on behalf of the other SAH chapters.

WSAH Website: <http://wisconsin-auto-historians.org>

WISCONSIN SOCIETY OF AUTOMOTIVE HISTORIANS SPRING MEETING 2017



With Membership of the Wisconsin Society of Automotive Historians assembled at the Spring Meeting 'Waiting for Enlightening Knowledge'



Our "Illustrious Leader" conveyed creative methods of advancing/promoting/generating interest in Automotive History
(photography courtesy of Jim (Paparazzi) Morris)

Happy 4th of July { 1909 }



HISTORICAL AUTOMOTIVE TRIVIA
What vehicle displayed the below Radiator Emblem?



hint: It was manufactured in Indianapolis, Indiana 1929-1930
The first Straight-8 in the United States
priced at less than \$1000.00

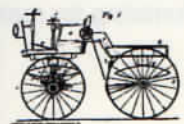


DVD Promotion/Sales:

Promotion continues for the Gene Grengs Collection DVD project. WSAH members are strongly encouraged to promote this unique/historic WSAH publication/production within their personal communities {libraries, museums, educational institutions, etc} as well.



IOLA 1972



45TH ANNUAL

IOLA '17

CAR SHOW & SWAP MEET

JULY 6, 7, 8 Iola, Wisconsin

FEATURING:

Camaro & Firebird

50TH ANNIVERSARY

Plus Trans-Am Series Pony Cars

