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A Few Words from the President

Congratulations to Don Gullikson and Jessica Zdanowicz in their election to the offices of Vice-President and Director, respectively. Also, a well deserved thank you to Michael Keller for his many years serving as Vice-President.

Some members have presented ideas recently that I will share here and hope that others can give some feedback, which I welcome and appreciate. Anyone with a different perspective may be able to add to the original idea, or the idea might trigger a completely different idea. At the Iola Car Show this summer, I mentioned that I need to update the list of tasks that we do at the show, as things have changed over the past few years. The list seemed to work well for members to go ahead with getting things organized without having to ask what needed to be done. Greg Vanark suggested that when I update the list, I divide tasks into blocks – including days and times - and have members sign up to complete them. Don Gullikson added that we could have a member who has experience take the lead to direct those who are less familiar with what we do; in other words, be a “mentor.” Don said having enough clipboards and lists for those who take the lead is a necessity – something that we can easily do. As our primary source of funding, our involvement in the show continues to be of considerable importance.

George Tesar had some ideas for activities unrelated to the Iola show. At our autumn meeting in Cross Plains, Joe Kapler from the Wisconsin Historical Society (WHS) gave an interesting presentation (see the minutes of the meeting elsewhere in this issue of the Carhart Chronicle). George suggests we need more visibility and closer cooperation with WHS as we have a great deal of automotive historical knowledge and could provide public service to continue the automotive historical tradition in Wisconsin. Activities might include presenting seminars, and maybe an annual conference, open to the public and focused on Wisconsin automotive manufacturers, designers, suppliers, and more. Many of our members have collector/special interest cars and a summer tour around the state or a show is a possibility.

Soon after our autumn meeting, Jim Morris, Don Gullikson, and I met with Iola Car Show staff to discuss this year's and future shows. We all agreed that the indoor display was very well received with few problems, especially for a first effort. There is a high probability that the space will be doubled for next year and that the tent (downsized this year) will be eliminated. Concerns for indoor parking were addressed, especially requirements to disconnect batteries and have a low fuel level. The theme for Iola '19 will be "Calling All Car Clubs." Joe Opperman, the PR/Marketing Director, will be contacting larger clubs with the plan to set them up with individual canopies on a "midway" in the area south of the building where we have always had our main display.

I encourage all members to consider joining, or continuing their membership, in the Society of Automotive Historians (SAH, "The National"). The online membership, at \$20 per year, gives you all the rights and publications as the \$50 membership except everything is emailed rather than mailed in paper form. (I happen to prefer paper copies of the publications, as I have a collection going back to 1984, but am considering going "paperless.")

We have discussed getting members together in some different venues such as the Milwaukee Public Museum, Madison at the WHS, and private collections and restoration shops in the Eau Claire area. We just need to act on these ideas and are always open to more. *Ken Nimocks -- President*

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Minutes from Autumn Meeting (September 15, 2018)

The WSAH Annual Autumn Meeting was held on Saturday, September 15, 2018 at Baer Park in Cross Plains, Wisconsin in conjunction with the 36th Annual Hill & Valley Antique Auto & Americana Show. Those attending were President Ken Nimocks, Treasurer Gary Koehnke, Directors Don Gullikson and Jim Morris, Members Gene Knutson, Randy Nimocks, Mitch Swenson, George Tesar and guest Eric Bannerman, special guest and presenter Joe Kapler. Director Don Chandler was on the grounds but occupied with his usual involvement in the H&V Show.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President Ken Nimocks. Secretary Dan Manola, along with Bob Barr, was attending a Model A Ford event at the Gilmore Museum where Dan was doing a technical seminar, so Ken took notes. Treasurer Gary Koehnke gave his report and a motion to accept was made by Randy Nimocks, second by Mitch Swenson and carried without dissent.

Ken showed a thank you card from Mitch's family for our donation in his mother's memory.

Jim Morris and Jessica Zdanowicz have completed scanning all 41 issues of our WSAH early publication, *The Spark*, as well as all issues of our current publication, *Carhart Chronicle*. Jim asked if we should also include our interim *WSAH News/Letter*, which did not contain articles but published minutes, upcoming meeting notices, and any other basic information as needed to keep members informed. We will consider having Jim and Jessica scan those and we will try to collect a complete set. We briefly discussed re-publishing some articles and cover art from *The Spark*. Jim also will work on updating a member survey as was done in 1984, with the results published in *The Spark* #21.

Special guest Joe Kapler, Curator of Cultural History at the Wisconsin Historical Museum, gave a complete and informative presentation outlining how WSAH can be more involved with the Wisconsin Historical Society. We have been a WHS Affiliate from the beginning of our organization. Main points of the presentation included a description of the large new building and discussion on potential items and artifacts for donations to WHS. George Tesar passed around a list he had prepared of such items. Of particular interest to our members would likely be anything with Wisconsin and automotive connections: Three dimensional items including automobiles, motorcycles, scooters, bicycles, engines and other mechanical components, small and stationary engines, tractors and light-to-heavy equipment, parts, tools, nearly anything related to the manufacture or repair of mechanical devices, clothing, signs, posters and similar advertising items. Two dimensional items are those such as magazines, sales literature, manuals and repair books, and company records from both large and small concerns. Joe said they have plenty of space available (which is often limited for a lot of museums) and they eventually digitize two dimensional items while retaining the original paper copies.

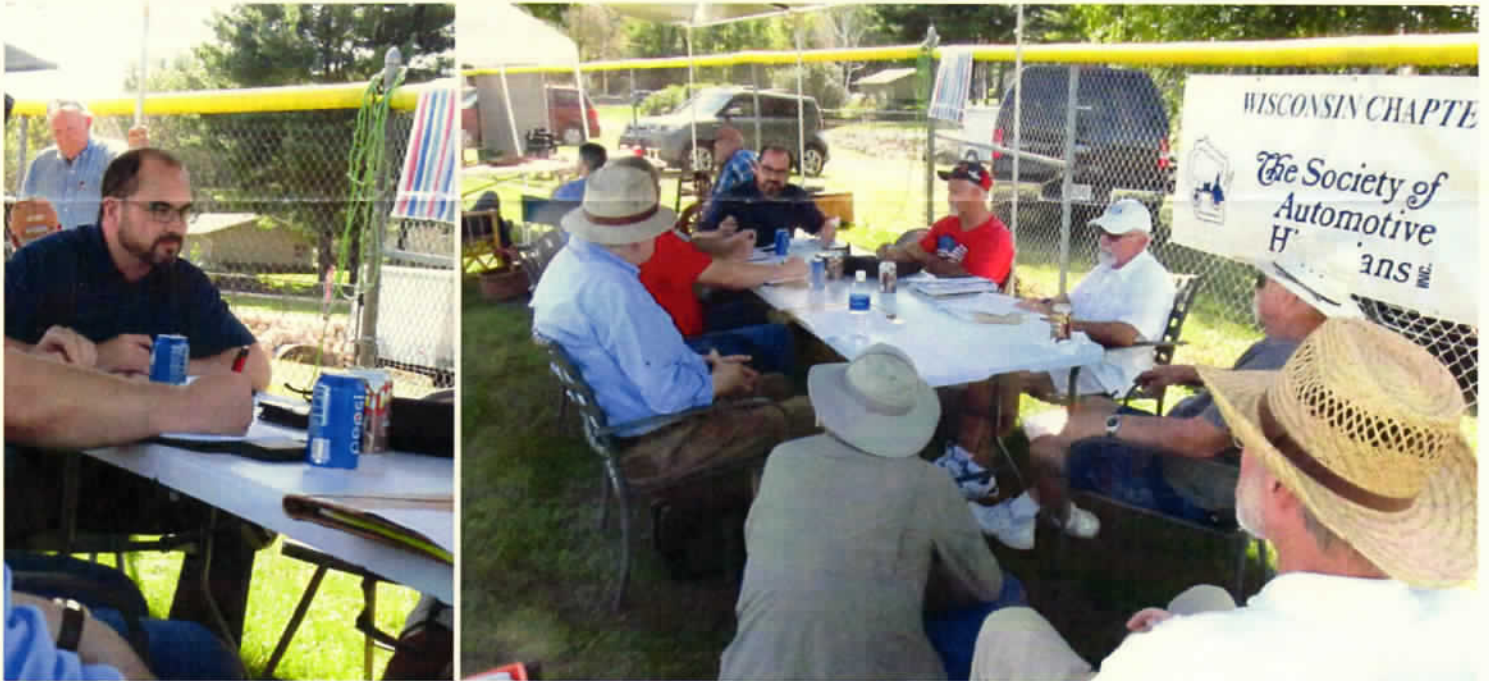
In the interest of time, we did not discuss, but briefly mentioned, the Iola post-show meeting scheduled for September 24 which will be attended by Jim, Don Gullikson, and Ken. Please contact any one of us with any negative or positive comments you wish for us to discuss with the Iola Car Show staff.

Ken reported that he had exchanged emails with Michael Keller to affirm that he still wants to step down from his VP position. Michael emphasized that he feels there are others who do much more and are more deserving of the position. Ken suggested Don Gullikson as a replacement and Michael absolutely endorses Don. As a replacement for Don's Director position, Jessica Zdanowicz was recommended by Ken. An email will be sent to all members for input, and if there is no dissension or other nominations, we will likely handle the transition by email without waiting until our next meeting.

Jim Morris will check with the Milwaukee Public Museum on the possibility of our having a meeting there in early December and being able to view the Schloemer exhibit, for which we made a sizable donation in 2015. The Schloemer Motor Wagon is believed by some to be the first gas-powered automobile in America.

Minutes prepared by Ken Nimocks for Secretary Dan Manola in his absence

WISCONSIN SOCIETY OF AUTOMOTIVE HISTORIANS AUTUMN MEETING 2018



Special Guest-Joe Kapler [Curator of Cultural History at the Wisconsin Historical Museum-Madison] 'Scrutinized & Analyzed' his Situation



*Only to Discover how much the WSAH Membership was a Bunch of "Wild & Crazy Guys"
(photography courtesy of Jim (Paparazzi) Morris)*

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

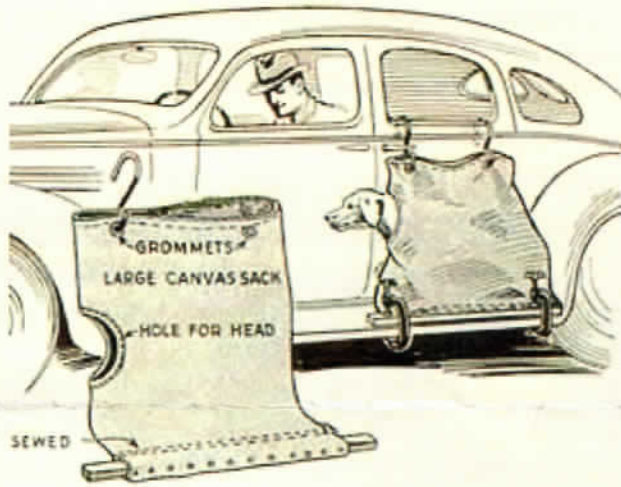


DVD Promotion/Sales: Promotion continues for the Gene Grengs Collection DVD project. WSAH members are strongly encouraged to promote this unique/historic WSAH publication/production within their personal communities {libraries, museums, educational institutions, etc}.

Strange But True

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

Dog Rides Comfortably in Sack on Running Board



When you take your dog along for a ride, but prefer not having it inside the car, it can ride safely and comfortably in this sack, which is carried on the running board. The bottom of the sack is clamped to the running board and the top is fastened to the lower part of an open window with hooks, covered with small rubber tubing to prevent marring the car.

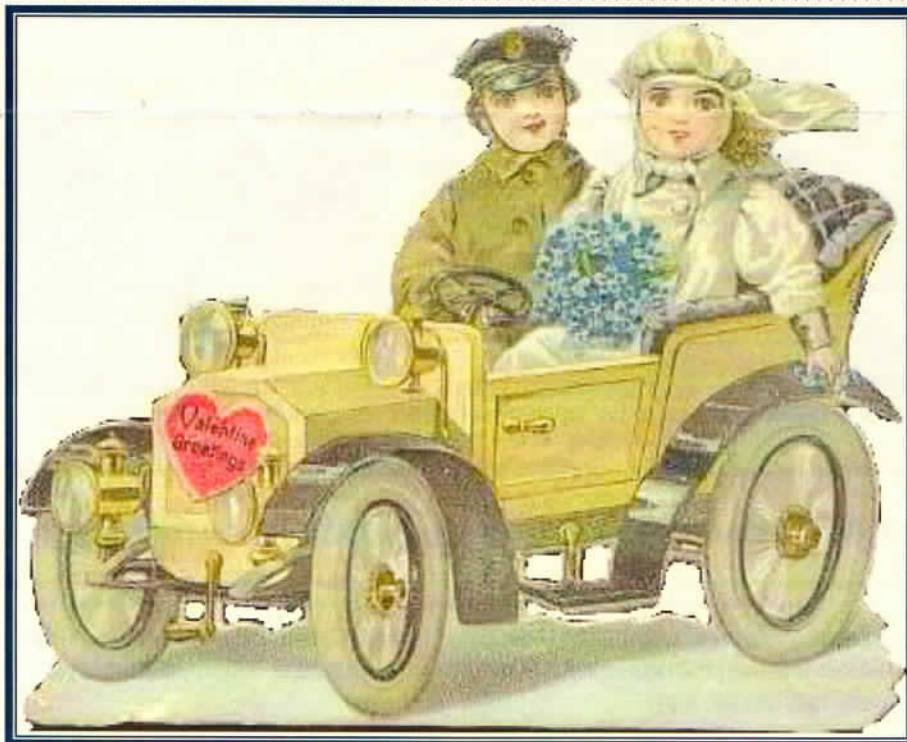
Your dog will ride safely in this sack, which is quickly attached or removed

(from June 1936 Vol. 65 No. 2 Popular Mechanics Magazine)

Happy Valentine's Day



A Time for WSAH Members to Express True Love



1900-1910 Valentine Cut-Out

What happened *'On Valentine's Day'* in Automotive History?

February 14th [Saturday]

1903 **The Third Annual Automobile Show was held at the Chicago Coliseum**

The Third Annual automobile show held under the joint auspices of the Chicago Automobile Club and the National Association of Automobile Manufacturers at the Coliseum building opened at 2 pm. On the cover of The Automobile magazine from 1903, is an illustration of a husband and wife braving the chilly winds off of Lake Michigan as they drive to the Chicago Auto Show. This was the Third annual show held at the Coliseum, once located at 15th Street and Wabash Ave. A total of 325 machines from 80 manufacturers (four foreign) were exhibited with either gas or electric powerplants. An ad for the Seachmont Touring Car that ran during the 3rd annual Chicago Auto Show, promoted being in business for four years. Available in two models, the Seachmont had retail prices of \$2,000 and \$2,500. The Githens Brothers Co. were the Western agents for the Seachmont, with a dealership located on Michigan Ave. near the Coliseum.



"The Automobile" 1903 Magazine Cover



WE BEAT THE WORLD! A NEW LIGHT RUNABOUT

The "Speedwell"

Light and speedy, yet strong enough to go over any road and climb all grades. The popular machine at a popular price. One dollar a pound, 600 pounds. Immediate delivery.

Kunz Auto and Motor Co.
Holtan and Locust Sts., MILWAUKEE, WIS.



MODEL 22

Model 22, \$1,350
Wagon
\$150 extra

Rambler

A powerful, convertible runabout that is beyond question the most convenient, economical and serviceable car ever built. At a two-passenger car it has top lines and depth of body. It is a car that is a pleasure to drive. It is a car that is a pleasure to own. It is a car that is a pleasure to use. It is a car that is a pleasure to have. It is a car that is a pleasure to drive. It is a car that is a pleasure to own. It is a car that is a pleasure to use. It is a car that is a pleasure to have.

Thomas B. Jeffery & Company



Pictured in 1903, the Coliseum was located on Wabash Avenue, between 15th and 16th Streets. Packed snow covered the roads and sidewalks during the Feb. 14-21 Chicago Auto Show. Parked near the castle-like entranceway are a horse-drawn carriage and several automobiles. The Coliseum served as the location for the annual auto show from 1901 to 1935, offering 58,000 sq. ft. of exhibit space.

List of Chicago Exhibitors Alphabetically Arranged.

American Darracq Automobile Co., New York.
 American Gasoline Motor Co., Chicago.
 American Motor Carriage Co., Cleveland.
 Apperson Bros. Automobile Co., Kokomo, Ind.
 American Roller Bearing Co., Boston.
 Autocar Co., Ardmore, Pa.
 Badger Brass Mfg. Co., Kenosha, Wis.
 Baldwin Chain Mfg. Co., Worcester.
 Bartholomew Co., Peoria.
 Barton Boiler Co., Chicago.
 Bowman, S. B., New York.
 Brandenburg Bros., Chicago.
 Brondes, J. C., New York.
 Brecht Automobile Co., St. Louis.
 Brennan Mfg. Co., Syracuse.
 Briscoe Mfg. Co., Detroit.
 Brown-Lipe Gear Co., Syracuse.
 Buffalo Electric Vehicle Co., Buffalo.
 Cadillac Automobile Co., Detroit.
 Centaur Motor Vehicle Co., Warren, Ohio.
 Champion Mfg. Co., Brooklyn.
 Chelsea Mfg. Co., Chelsea, Mich.
 Chicago Motor Cycle Co., Chicago.
 Chicago Storage Battery Co., Chicago.
 Cleveland Automobile Co., Cleveland.
 Cleveland-Canton Spring Co., Cleveland.
 Columbus Motor Vehicle Co., Columbus, Ohio.
 Conrad Motor Carriage Co., Buffalo.
 Crest Mfg. Co., Cambridge, Mass.
 Cryder, H. C., Marion, N. J.
 Dasey, P. J., Chicago.
 Dayton Electrical Mfg. Co., Dayton, Ohio.
 Diamond Rubber Co., Akron, Ohio.
 Dietz, R. E., Co., New York.
 Dixon, Joseph, Crucible Co., Jersey City.
 Dow Portable Electric Co., Boston, Mass.
 Duryea Power Co., Waterloo, Ind.
 Eckhart Carriage Co., Albany, Ind.
 Electric Contract Co., New York.
 Electric Storage Battery Co., Philadelphia.
 Electric Vehicle Co., Hartford.
 Elmore Mfg. Co., Clyde, Ohio.
 Fanning Mfg. Co., Chicago.
 Firestone Tire & Rubber Co., Chicago.
 Fisher, Carl, Indianapolis.
 Fisk Rubber Co., Chicopee Falls, Mass.
 Franklin, H. H., Mfg. Co., Syracuse.
 Fredonia Mfg. Co., Youngstown, Ohio.
 Friedman Automobile Co., Chicago.
 Funke, A. H., New York.
 G & J Tire Co., Indianapolis.
 General Automobile & Mfg. Co., Cleveland.
 Goodrich, B. F., Co., Akron, Ohio.
 Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Akron, Ohio.
 Grant, Louis M., Chicago.
 Grey & Davis, Amesbury, Mass.
 Hartford Rubber Works Co., Hartford.
 Haynes-Apperson Co., Kokomo.
 Hoffman Automobile Mfg. Co., Cleveland.
 Hoffman Motor Co., Chicago.
 Hyatt Roller Bearing Co., Harrison, N. J.
 Hisley, Frank P., Chicago.
 Imperial Wheel Works, Flint, Mich.
 International Motor Car Co., Toledo.
 Jackson Automobile Co., Jackson, Mich.
 Jeffery, Thos. B., & Co., Kenosha, Wis.
 Johns-Manville Co., New York.
 Jones-Corbin Co., Philadelphia.
 Kammann Mfg. Co., Chicago.
 Kirk Mfg. Co., Toledo.
 Knox Automobile Co., Springfield, Mass.
 Konigslow, Otto, Cleveland.
 Libal, Joseph, Chicago.
 Lindsay Automobile Parts Co., Indianapolis.
 Locomobile Co. of America, New York.
 Lozier Motor Works, Plattsburg, N. Y.
 Marble-Swift Auto. Co., Chicago.
 Matheson Motor Car Co., Grand Rapids, Mich.
 McCanna, John F., Chicago.
 Mead Cycle Co., Chicago.
 Merkel Mfg. Co., Milwaukee.
 Midgeley Mfg. Co., Columbus, Ohio.
 Moore, C. J., Mfg. Co., Westfield, Mass.
 Motor Development Co., Chicago.
 Mottisinger Device Mfg. Co., Pendleton, Ind.
 Muncie Wheel & Jobbing Co., Muncie, Ind.
 National Automobile & Motor Co., Oshkosh, Wis.
 National Carbon Co., Cleveland.
 National Motor Vehicle Co., Indianapolis.
 Northern Mfg. Co., Detroit.
 Olds Motor Works, Detroit.
 Packard Motor Car Co., Warren, Ohio.
 Pardee & Co., Chicago.
 Peerless Motor Car Co., Cleveland.
 Peterson, Franklin K., Chicago.
 Pierce, Geo. N., Co., Buffalo.
 Pittsburg Reduction Co., Pittsburg.
 Pope-Robinson Co., Hyde Park, Mass.
 Porter Storage Battery Co., Chicago.
 Prescott Automobile Co., Passaic, N. J.
 Racine Boat Mfg. Co., Racine, Wis.
 Rose Mfg. Co., Philadelphia.
 Russell, G. W., Springfield, Ohio.
 Salamandrine Roller Co., New York.
 Sandusky Automobile Co., Sandusky.
 Searchmont Automobile Co., Philadelphia.
 Shelby Motor Car Co., Shelby, Ohio.
 Shelby Steel Tube Co., Pittsburg.
 Smith & Mabley, New York.
 Speedwell Automobile Co., Milwaukee.
 St. Louis Motor Carriage Co., St. Louis.
 Standard Anti-Friction Equipment Co., New York.
 Standard Carriage Lamp Co., Chicago.
 Standard Motor Vehicle Co., Chicago.
 Standard Welding Co., Cleveland.
 Stearns, F. B., Co., Cleveland.
 Stevens, J., Arms & Tool Co., Chicopee Falls, Mass.
 Studebaker Bros., South Bend, Ind.
 Temple, Ralph, & Austrian Co., Chicago.
 Tennant, Irwin, Springfield, Ohio.
 Thomas, E. R., Motor Co., Buffalo.
 Timken Roller Bearing Co., Canton, Ohio.
 Tincher, T. S., Chicago.
 Twentieth Century Mfg. Co., New York.
 Union Automobile Co., Union City, Ind.
 U. S. Long Distance Auto. Co., New York.
 Veeder Mfg. Co., Hartford.
 Wagner Cycle Co., St. Paul, Minn.
 Warner Differential Gear Co., Muncie, Ind.
 Waterloo Gasoline Engine Co., Waterloo, Ind.
 Western Motor Co., Logansport, Ind.
 Western Storage Battery Co., Indianapolis.
 Westerfield Motor Co., Anderson, Ind.
 Westinghouse Co., Pittsburg.
 Whitney Mfg. Co., Hartford.
 Wick, H. B., & Co., Youngstown, Ohio.
 Willis, E. J., New York.
 Winton Motor Carriage Co., Cleveland.
 Wisconsin Wheel Works, Racine Junction, Wis.
 Woods Motor Vehicle Co., Chicago.