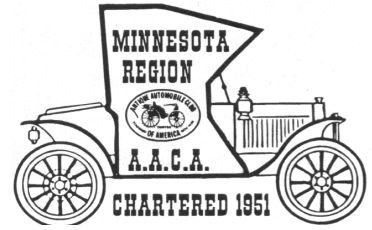




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The Headliner

1948 DODGE "PILOT HOUSE" Model B1B PICKUP

(read about it on page 4)





*From
The
President*

Hello!

Happy New Year!! I hope you all had a peaceful and joyful holiday!

As we begin 2024, I want to say thanks to Mike Buhl for his service as a board member for the chapter and for his continuing support. Thanks again also to our officers for agreeing to continue to serve the chapter. I think we've lost count of how many years Toni has served as our treasurer!!

I promised an update on our hosting of the Region's Annual Meeting. Thankfully, we did not go in the hole!! As I mentioned in the last issue, we had an anonymous donor cover the cost of the room rental. After all was said and done, we ended up with a profit of \$96.81, which was split with the Region. Thanks again to all our chapter members who supported this event! And, thanks to our resident seminar presenter extraordinaire - Vince Smith!!

Our next meeting will be in March with refreshments courtesy of Kathy Brevig. Just a reminder - **no meetings in January or February.**

I recently received an email about a new museum that has opened in Lake Hallie, WI. It is the Graham Motor Museum and could possibly be an outing for the chapter. It would be about a 2 hour drive (depending on route and stops). This is something we can discuss at an upcoming meeting.

Hope to see you at our next meeting. In the meantime - stay safe, healthy and warm!!

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The AACA Capitol City Chapter's monthly meetings are held the second Sunday of the month, usually at Parkview United Church of Christ, 3737 Bellaire Avenue, White Bear Lake, MN, beginning at 2:30 PM. Social hour begins at 2:00 PM. Contact any officer for more information. We hope to see you at an upcoming meeting or event.





*From
The
Rumble
Seat*

Happy Winter! As I am writing this column, it is snowing and the birds are swarming my birdfeeders! (I waste a lot of time watching them!) I hope you all had a joyous holiday season and are looking forward to when we can get our cars back out of storage and on the road.

One of our projects this winter will be cleaning up the car barn!! Anyone need a project to work on - we've got a lovely 1928 Model A sedan that needs a full restoration!! (I am serious - it really does need to move to a new home!). I know most of us have projects to keep us busy in these cold months.

As always, I am looking for Headliner vehicles - whether fully done or just in the process! Please consider contributing to your newsletter. Without your input, we won't have one! All articles are welcome - car tours, maintenance tips, etc. Feel free to contact me with your ideas!

See you down the road!!

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Welcome New Members

We welcome Cesar & Annette Dominguez to the Capitol City Chapter. They were sponsored by Bob Gardner - we met them because Cesar and his father-in-law are restoring a 1930 Gardner!

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Welcome!



*Sunshine
Report*

Happy to report that we have not had word from anyone of any illnesses, surgeries or deaths. Stay safe and healthy, everyone!

Please contact Faythe Oberg if you know of someone that needs a card. Her number is 651 -739-9754. **Don't assume that she knows a card is needed.** Thank you!



FOR SALE

Roaster Oven

100 Cup Percolator

These items belong to the Chapter so any monies received from the sale will benefit the Chapter.

If interested in any (or all) of these items, please contact Dave Sandels @ 651-644-2802 or desandels@gmail.com.



1948 Dodge "Pilot House" Model B1B

By Tom Evans

I am not sure what prompted me to buy this relic 1948 Dodge "Pilot House" Model B1B pickup. It was advertised as "lawn art or parts". Most people with any common sense would have walked away from it. I am apparently not one of those people! All I can say is that it was inexpensive and will challenge my abilities while occupying a great deal of my spare time, now that the Air Museum I volunteered at has closed. The engine is frozen, the seat is missing, and it is rusted through in places for a start. The front solid axle looks to be damaged by the previous owner playing "Dukes of Hazzard" with it at age 14 down on the farm. The rear fenders look like they have been shredded by a combine.

The Dodge pickup of that era was built tougher than its competition as a heavy-duty work truck with few comfort options. Things like a heater and mirrors were extra. "Job rated" was the advertising term used. You could tailor it to the work with the use of optional add ons. It was more expensive than the Fords and Chevys of the same era, so their sales numbers were lower. For example, it has dual bore front wheel cylinders which means the hydraulic pressure is different for the primary and secondary shoes. The rear brakes also have dual wheel cylinders for each wheel, one at the top of the brake assembly and the other at the bottom. This gives you much better braking for those heavy loads but cost more to produce. The rear fenders were meant to stand on. Time and abuse have rendered mine incapable of that.



It has a 217 inline six-cylinder, 95 HP engine and a massive radiator with at least 2 bullet holes in it. To its credit, it has a 4-speed floor mounted shifter (possibly an option). There are 9 pieces of window glass if you count the wing windows, 2 of which are the optional wrap around corner ones. All but one will need to be replaced and especially the driver's front glass section. It has, as you may have guessed, another bullet hole.

At this point in the picture, I am busy tearing it down to assess the condition of components like the frame and locked up engine. My choices are to fully restore it (somewhat costly), sell it off for parts (not my favorite idea), or mount the front end, cab and box on a base 2-wheel drive Dodge Dakota frame and power train. I tend to favor the last option and perhaps leave it with its current patina. The Dakota frame has similar width and length to the mount points on the '48 or so I am told.

Only time, a lot of head scratching and a heap of work will tell. I haven't done this type of project in the past. It will take a few years.

The End



Recycle Your Car Magazine

To Retirement Homes

By Bob Gardner

Many of us have multiple subscriptions to car collector magazines. We read them, look at the pretty pictures and then toss them. Magazines such as *Antique Automobile*, *Hemmings*, *Classic Car* and *Old Cars Weekly* and others can be sent to a crowd that will appreciate all we can bring.

I've been taking three to five copies of car collector magazines to a retirement home once a month and they have proven popular. If you are interested in this but don't have a way to get them to a new home, you can give them to me and I'll make sure they find a new home.

I encourage anyone that wants to distribute them locally to do so. I suggest checking with the facility first to make sure they would be interested and to only drop off a few each month. You may also want to make clear that you do not want them back and they are free to recycle them when done.



**Taylor's
Tips**

By Shawn Taylor

Happy New Year!! Two articles came across my desk this week that are updates to things I have covered in the past.

The first one is that there is a movement from MADD to have technology in all new cars to prevent individuals who are impaired from alcohol from driving.

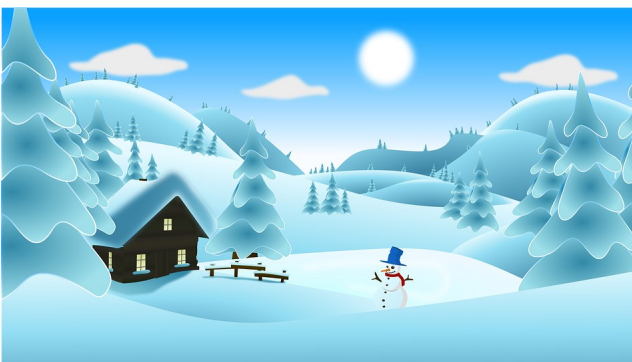
Unfortunately, every day about 32 people are killed from drunk drivers. That comes out to a person killed from drunk drivers in the US every 45 minutes. Every year, nearly 400,000 people are injured. We need to contact our congressional representatives to seriously look at this issue and push for this technology in new cars.

The other article I read this week is regarding the driving while under the influence of drugs. Now that marijuana is legal in many states, there has been a rise in crashes due to drugs. Marijuana affects the body differently than alcohol. Minnesota has received testing kits from Abbott Labs to detect six classes of drugs within 5 minutes.

Here's how it works:

1. The officer will first test you for alcohol.
2. If you haven't been drinking, the officer will ask you to swab your cheek and lips with this new kit.

This is a year long test for the state. Because it is a test, the results can't be used for legal purposes.



Chapter Membership Awards

Congratulations to the following chapter members who received their membership awards at the Minnesota Region's Annual Meeting!

60 Years: Gary Weyrauch

50 Years: Linda Rempfer

40 Years: Toni Ferch

35 Years: Faythe Oberg

30 Years: Richard Darling

25 Years: Joan & Eldon Frisk

15 Years: James Harris

Vince Smith

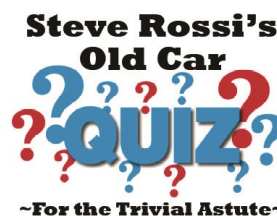
Phil & Mary Zins

10 Years: Mark Buhl



News From National

*Reprinted from the December 2023 issue of
The Speedster*



What's the biggest V8 engine that Detroit ever offered in what is now a 25 year old or older car?

Trivia Answer:

Initially offered in 1970, the 500 cubic-inch Cadillac V8 was a stroked version (from 4.060-inch to 4.304) of the company's 472 (while bore remained at 4.300). It was originally intended for the Eldorado and delivered 400 horsepower. In 1975, the 472 was discontinued and the 500 (8.2 liter) ran through 1976. By then, it was available on the remainder of the Cadillac line, except for the Seville. Although the biggest V8 from Detroit in a car, the engine was ultimately emasculated down to 190 horsepower.

Capitol City Chapter Christmas Party

Members of Capitol City celebrated the holidays at the annual Christmas Party, held on Sunday, December 10, 2023. While attendance was lighter than usual, those that attended had a great time. Our meal consisted of ham (provided by the Chapter) and wonderful side dishes and desserts provided by the members. Part of our annual event includes collecting for the local food shelf and once again, Chapter members came through, collecting 103 items which went to the White Bear Lake Area Food Shelf. Everyone brought a small gift to exchange and a great time of fellowship and food was enjoyed by all.



Above left: Members gather before our meal to visit. **Above center:** Rita Jutz starts to fill her plate while members line up behind her.



Above right: Linda Rempfer brought yummy mini-cheesecakes for dessert!



Above: Members enjoying the delicious meal and fellowship



Above left: Mike Buhl chooses his gift. **Above center:** The exchange gifts ready for the exchange.



Above right: Ernie & Rita Jutz choose their gifts.

Right: The 103 items donated for the White Bear Lake Area Food Shelf.





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CAPITOL CITY CHAPTER

NO CHAPTER MEETINGS IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

March 10, 2024	Regular Chapter Meeting	Kathy Brevig
April 14, 2024	Regular Chapter Meeting	
July 14, 2024	Car Show/Ice Cream Social at Parkview UCC	Kim Gardner
August 8, 2024	Chapter Car Show at Harmony Gardens	

MINNESOTA REGION

January 19, 2024	Region Board Meeting	Brooklyn Center, MN
February 16, 2024	Region Board Meeting	Brooklyn Center, MN

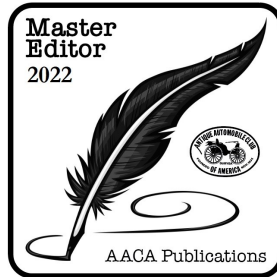
AACA NATIONAL

February 8-10, 2024	AACA Annual Convention	Chantilly, VA
March 17,23- 2024	AACA Founders Tour (vehicles 1932-1999)	Louisiana Region AACA
March 21-24, 2024	AACA Special Winter Nationals	Puerto Rico Region
April 4-6, 2024	AACA Southeastern Spring Nationals	Hornets Nest Region
April 5, 2024	AACA Grand National	Hornets Nest Region

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