

*From the editor*

## **It's a Go! Our Kissel Meet 2021 is Scheduled for Launch Aug 27-29**

By Lynn Kissel

I am pleased to declare that we are in final planning to hold our virus delayed 2020 meet on **August 27-29, 2021**, in Hartford Wisconsin.

“Kissel Meet 2021: At a Glance...” is a high-level graphic overview of our meet. As we finalize our plans, you can always find the latest details on our **event website**.

[kisselkar.net/Events/2021/Meet2021/](http://kisselkar.net/Events/2021/Meet2021/)

Here are some of the activities and the members helping to make them a reality.

### **Car Show**

**Chuck Kissel** (Yorba Linda, California) is working through the details of our **car show** on **Saturday**. I'm excited to learn that there are plans for short, owner-led discussions at each vehicle. Chuck has plans for signage with similar information on each vehicle at each vehicle. There may also be posters that help place these exhibits within a more general context and history of the Kissel Motor Car Company. In spite of significant barriers, Chuck is working to provide era-appropriate music to help us set the mood and buoy our spirits. Exhibited cars are expected to be in place from 9 AM to 2 PM, after that, the judging and official program ends. Exhibitors are encourage to stick around until 4 pm. Go, Chuck!

### **Driving Tour**

**Doug and Sheila Kissel** (Hartford, Wisconsin) are designing a **driving tour** on **Friday**. I understand that they plan a fun geo-location game for participants. Doug and Sheila will wrap-up our active day with a social hour and **fish fry**. Wisconsin

fish fries are something special and a thing I always look for on my visits to the state.

The driving tour **requires real time driving instructions given only a numerical latitude and longitude**. (For example, using 43.321840,-88.381979, can you find driving instructions? These are the coordinates of the Wisconsin Automotive Museum.) We will be publishing setup of a smartphone that participants should verify before tour day.

Let's go touring with our century-old vehicles, enjoy a delicious fish dinner and spend some quality social time together.

### **Ladies Activity**

**Sheila Kissel** (Hartford, Wisconsin) and **Jeanne Kissel** (Cameron Park, California) are planning a **ladies event** on **Saturday**. This event includes a visit to an historic covered bridge, lunch in Cedarburg with quaint and historic shops, and stops at a winery and an old mill. The ladies have time for a thorough review of the show cars before heading out on their own adventure.

### **Presentations**

**Mark A Kissel** (Evergreen, Colorado) is coordinating **presentations**. Mark created a document on our event website with **presentation guidelines**. Please note that Mark has requested some summary **information from presenters with a July 21, 2021, deadline**. Mark's guidelines allow for a wide range in the delivery of talks and strives to minimize burden on the speaker; please locate the one page of guidelines on the event website to learn more.

I'm hoping there will be reports by members who have solved a difficult technical or historical issue related to their antique vehicle. Will others solicit help with issues that remain unsolved, or give our cars context with reflections of life and history

during the first third of the Twentieth Century? I'm hoping to hear some real pearls of wisdom. I know that we have interesting things to share. (Talks with a piece of hardware or a demonstration are always exciting.)

Here's a couple of titles I am considering.

*Perils of a 6V positive(+) ground car in a 12V negative(-) ground world*

*Secrets of a 1929 Kissel 8-95 Tourster*

Please forward the information requested by Mark at your earliest convenience, but no later than the **July 21 deadline**, by email to "[mark.a.kissel@gmail.com](mailto:mark.a.kissel@gmail.com)".

## Kissel Parts Exchange

**Ron Hausmann** (Birmingham, Michigan) is working the **Kissel Parts Exchange**. Ron has already initiated this effort and you can find out more on the **members section of our website**. There you will find a description of the effort and how to contact Ron. You should tell Ron about your excess Kissel items or needs.

Ron notes that he can offer free shipping to the meet for items that he has for sale. Contact Ron to discuss the particulars.

[www.kisselkar.net/Members/KPE/](http://www.kisselkar.net/Members/KPE/)

You can contact Ron with email to "[ronaldhausmann@yahoo.com](mailto:ronaldhausmann@yahoo.com)".

## Banquet and More

**Dawn Bondhus** (St Lawrence, Wisconsin) and the staff of the Wisconsin Automotive Museum will be providing the **facilities** that make our meet possible. Dawn is handling **registration**, our **banquet** and **vendors**. Without Dawn's work and the support of the museum, our meet would not be happening.

While insurance restrictions prevents fueled cars with connected batteries on the museum floor, there is **limited overnight parking** for running vehicles in the "train shed." If you are bringing a vehicle and

need overnight parking, you should definitely get on Dawn's **train-shed list**.

You can contact Dawn with email to "[info@wisconsinautomuseum.com](mailto:info@wisconsinautomuseum.com)".

**Lynn Kissel** (Cameron Park, California) is working **awards and judging**, and **publicity**. He will also convene a meeting of the **Klub Board of Directors on Thursday**. That meeting is open to all members. Contact Lynn Kissel via email to "[editor@kisselkar.net](mailto:editor@kisselkar.net)".

## Meet Registration and Deadlines

When I last checked, the museum had received only a handful of applications. **Now is the time to act, please submit your registration**. You can find a form on our website and there is a copy in this issue.

Based on constraints imposed by catering and ordering of merchandise, we have established **August 1** as our registration deadline; also the last day to request a no-fault refund of a prior registration.

## Pandemic Protocol

The Covid-19 pandemic remains a concern and our meet is a "large meeting" as defined by the CDC; it will bring together people from multiple households from different parts of the country. All attendees are requested to review the pandemic protocol on our event website. If you still have concerns, please bring them to my attention.

## Lodging

We have no rooms blocked at local hotels. There is a list of local hotels and contact information on our event website. I'm not aware of any large events competing for lodging, but it makes sense to reserve your lodging early.

## Help Make Things Better

A realization came to me earlier this year as Jeanne and I first ventured forth on a visit to a national monument after more

than a year in semi isolation; the world had changed. In my opinion, “the needle” has been permanently shifted; we will never get back to the way things were before; society is adjusting toward a new normal.

I hear it in conversations, at the moment, there is a sense of optimism and that things are getting better. But I think it is undeniable that the pandemic has left a bitter mark.

I respectfully suggest that we all show more than usual tolerance for off-normal

occurrences at our meeting and when are traveling to and from it. I will endeavor to be wearing my “travelers cloak” that helps me cope with things like a missed meal or a perceived slight. I sense a lot of tension in society and hope that our meeting helps us reduce the angst.

I’m ready for a Klub meet! I am hoping to see you in Hartford in August.

Contact Lynn Kissel via email to “[editor@kisselkar.net](mailto:editor@kisselkar.net)”.

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**John and Gail Lewis** (Brisbane, Australia) send their regrets on traveling to *Kissel Meet 2021*.

We should note that issues beyond those in the USA are impacting our members. As a member of the Klub Board, John has been tracking our plans and tells your editor...

*“Gail and I will be unable to attend due to travel restrictions into and out of Australia. We were hopeful that the situation may have eased by now, however, this is not the case and we have had to cancel our plans to attend.*

*We are still restricted to domestic Australian travel. The Australian borders have been closed since the start of the pandemic and anyone arriving in Australia is required to complete a mandatory two-week hotel quarantine which is government run and costs around \$3500 per person. Many Australian citizens are having difficulty getting home. The Australian Government is talking about restricting general overseas travel until at least the end of 2022.*

*We are bitterly disappointed at not being able to catch up with all our Kissel friends and missing out on making new ones. Gail and I look forward to hearing about the success of the event and seeing many of the photos taken over the weekend. We will be with you in spirit.”*



*Herman (foreground) and Annie at the Wisconsin Automotive Museum. (Dawn Bondhus)*

**Andrew and Cindy Wilson** (Brunswick, Maine) also send their regrets on *Kissel Meet 2021*. In the case of the Wilsons, the time we selected for the meet conflicted with another car tour commitment. The Klub was aware of their conflict when we selected our date, but we could not accommodate all the constraints on the date. The Wilsons are the owner of **Herman**, a 1914 KisselKar 4-40 Touring (car# 15068), the older brother of **Annie** whose story also appears in this issue. Herman is currently on display in the Wisconsin Automotive Museum, and is one-of-three surviving 1914 Model 4-40 Kissels.