

The Kisselgraph

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ANNUAL MEETING:

The Annual Meeting of the Kissel Kar Klub will be held August 9, 1997, which is a Saturday. Along with the Kissel Kar Klub, we will be hosting the Wisconsin Region American Motors Rambler Club. I had lined up a Nash Motors designer to speak at a combination meeting but at 94 years old he has contracted a flu-like problem and won't be able to make a presentation. He is now in very poor health. This is the reason that this newsletter is as late as it is. I will be looking for another speaker.

For those of you that plan on attending please check with me in July to confirm the other local activities for the week-end. We do know that the City of Hartford Recreation Department will have their Kissel Kar Run the same day. This is a fund raiser for the Recreation Department and this time instead of starting out the Kissel Kar Run with a regular car we will be doing it with a Kissel Kar, adding to that activity. Also, the River Music Fest will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 8, 9 & 10th, just adjacent to the old Kissel plant. On Saturday there will also be a judged Arts & Crafts Fair. There will be plenty of things to do in the Hartford area. One caution - there are some detours that may make traveling around town a little more difficult. For those of you that are coming, let me know and I will send you maps showing the easiest ways to avoid the major problems. We also have a new motel that has just opened called "The Americinn Inn" located at 1527 East Sumner St., Hartford, Wisconsin. There telephone number is 414-673-2200. Also, we have a "Super 8" Motel at 1529 East Sumner St., Hartford, Wisconsin. There telephone number is 414-673-7431. If any of these are full or if you need any further information, feel free to contact us.

THE OTHER 1930 KISSEL:

As many of the members are aware, up until a few years ago, we thought there were only 2 1930 Kissels left in the world. We

did discover that there was one located in Slovakia which I confirmed by serial numbers, etc. The vehicle has been restored and is already making tours in Europe. The owner is Konstantin Nikitin. His daughter, Tatiana Nikitinova, paid us a visit a couple of weeks ago to take some close-up photographs of a few items her father needs to duplicate for his 1930 model. It was very pleasant and certainly unusual to have someone visit the museum representing a Kissel owner from Eastern Europe. We have had visitors from other countries but this would be a first. Mr. Nikitin's daughter came here after her normal studies in Pennsylvania had concluded for the summer.

1928 KISSEL WHITE EAGLE:

Thomas Viner of Iowa purchased a 1928 Kissel White Eagle, 4 Door Brougham that had been in storage at Harrah's warehouse for many, many years.

We were extremely happy he restored this vehicle because it is so very rare. It is huge, beautiful and has an 8-90 engine. It is considered a White Eagle even though it does not have the White Eagle design radiator that was used in 1928 on speedsters. This car was a CCA judged winner at 97 points at French Lick, Indiana. We have it on display at the museum. Our sincere thanks go to Mr. Viner for making the donation of this automobile to our permanent collection.

OTHER KISSELS IN PROGRESS:

Several Kissels are in the process of being restored. De Wayne Ashmead's Kissel 'Goldbug' has already made award winning appearances at various meets and so has Bruce Barrett's. Also, Bruce McBroom's has been seen on display at the Petersons Museum. He now has it back from there. In the meantime, Dick Braund of Elroy, Wisconsin, builder of the Duesenberg II automobile, is in the process of restoring 2 speedsters. Those are just the vehicles that I'm aware of. Chris Bamford, of course, sends out his newsletter so we're all aware of his progress. It is so good to see so many more Kissels being restored and I'm sure that those of you that have them are happy to see the values tending to go up in this present day market.

I have also been informed that the Kissel Mr. Gaulden, from Florida, had was transferred to Paul Jonas in Michigan this past year. Last I heard Paul was trying to complete it by Meet time.

GRANDSON OF J. FRIEDRICH WERNER:

It is with sorrow that we report the passing of Dan Werner who was Friedrich Werner's grandson. Those of you that have been at the Kissel Meets in the past 3 to 4 years had a chance to meet Dan and talk about the collection that he had of his grandfather's drawings, tools, etc. Before his passing, we had made arrangements to move much of the collection here to

the museum. We do have drawings, many of which are copies that have been rolled up for many, many years. We are trying to flatten them. For other artifacts that Dan had passed on to us, we have set up a special room dedicated to the display of J. Friedrich Werner's connection with Kissel. This room also contains many other items that Dan had saved through the years of his grandfather's.

MUSEUM YEAR AHEAD:

The museum at Hartford has made it through 10 years and is about to complete 11 years of operation. Our 11th year has not been one that has been easy. Our major source of funding, the rental of warehouse space, has not done well, therefore, things have been stretched lean. We're still certainly in operation, however, and there are quite a few plans being talked about and being made as it refers to the City of Hartford's Recreation Department building on the museum grounds, on land donated by the museum corporation and a potential for utilization of the upstairs of the museum building for a possible cultural center. This idea came highly recommended as a secondary use for the upstairs and would fit into the culture complex, if you will, on the museum grounds. As I mentioned, it will take some time for this to happen and we look forward to successful conclusions to these efforts.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM:

The Volunteer Program at the museum remains quite strong and we maintain approximately 50 volunteers throughout the year. Doc Quandt is the coordinator for that fine group and I'm really surprised and thankful at how long volunteers have been with us. At the volunteer picnic, which is coming up shortly, we will be honoring 8 people, 4 of which have completed 10 years as volunteers and 4 of which have completed 5 years as volunteers. This brings up our total of '10 year' volunteers quite high. Obviously, they feel that they are part of the museum operation and enjoy being associated with a museum of this type and size. Our 'thanks' go to all of the volunteers. Without them the museum could not operate as smoothly as it does.

BOTTLE COLLECTION AND OTHERS:

This year was a good year for the donation of small model type cars. Those of you that have been to the museum can appreciate the collection of 250 car/vehicle shaped whiskey bottles such as the Jim Beam bottles that we have on display. These have now become our property as they were donated to us in December of 1996. Along with that, two weeks ago was results of Kissel owner Delyle Beyer's discussion with a retired doctor that was moving from the local Hartford area back into the Milwaukee area. This doctor had indicated that he had accumulated quite a few toy and model cars, actually several hundred. At that time it was suggested that he

might want to donate them to the museum. Well, it took almost a year, or so, for him to decide but he did finally decide to donate the collection to the museum. We don't have it on display yet. That will take a little time as we need to make some cabinets to house it.

OTHER CAR COLLECTIONS:

Many of you know that the Hartford Auto Museum is also the single spot for the Nash Car Club of America and they have their own room exclusively devoted to Nash. I am presently negotiating now with the Hudson-Terraplane-Essex Club who would like to do a similar project and be included in the Hartford Museum. Both the Nash and Hudson make sense in that they were Wisconsin companies; Nash through its whole history and Hudson just for the end of its history. More negotiations have to take place but this may be a very positive inclusion.

STILL AVAILABLE



\$25 - Picked Up

\$30 - Shipped

(It's not the brick, it's the thought!)

1930 KISSEL
 Factory
 Bargains

The Kissel Motor Car Co.

Hartford .. Wisconsin

July 21, 1930.

Mr. August Thees,
 Logansville, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Thees:

Our plan of keeping Kissel owners informed as to available factory rebuilt cars seems to be working out nicely, for a number of owners took advantage of the stock listed in our letter of June 19th. Since this stock changes more or less from week to week, may we again list for your reference the cars available at this moment.

- 1927 Model 6-55 All-Year Coupe Roadster completely rebuilt including new tires, re-paint job, re-topped, etc. \$550.00
- 1928 Model 8-80S Coupe Roadster with solid top, rebuilt including re-paint job. This has side carriers, six wire wheels, regularly retails for \$2350.00 785.00
- 1927 Model 8-75 Four-door Brougham. A demonstrator owned by our Lodi distributor - in excellent condition. 850.00
- 1927 Model 6-55 Two-door Brougham Special - rebuilt and re-painted. 550.00
- 1925 Model 6-55 DeLuxe 7-passenger Sedan rebuilt, re-painted and although a 1925 model is in excellent condition and a buy for anyone who needs capacity. 450.00
- 1929 Model 8-95 Four-door Brougham. Not only looks new, but is equal to a new car having been driven only 7500 miles. 1200.00
- 1928 Model 8-90 DeLuxe Victoria. This is a car that retails for \$3265.00. Has only been run approximately 4000 miles. We could not offer anything better looking or more serviceable in a brand new car. To anyone looking for a car small enough for individual use, yet large enough to accommodate five passengers comfortably this is a real value. 1250.00

1928 Model 6-70 Four-door Brougham thoroughly re-conditioned 750.00

1927 Model 8-75 Speedster - rebuilt, re-painted and re-tired.
A real speedster. 750.00

Several 1923 and 1924 model 55 Broughams in good mechanical condition. Good finish, etc. for as little as \$100.00.

We are also listing a 1930 model 8-95 Brougham as an accomodation to the winner of it at the American Legion 4th of July celebration. This is a brand new car. The owner, an elderly lady has no desire to drive, consequently is willing to accept 1400.00 cash for it. Here is an opportunity to save 645.00.

Then we still have the few odd cars to offer listed in our previous letter.

1928 Model 58 Buick five-passenger Coupe	600.00
1926 Model E 1 Hupmobile, eight cylinder five-passenger Sedan, repainted and re-tired	450.00
1926 Model 66 Willys-Knight Sedan	200.00
1926 model EP 6 Studebaker Roadster	200.00

Finally if you are considering a new car yourself come in and give us an opportunity to submit a proposition. It may be possible for you to place a new Kissel into service for a smaller amount and convenient terms than you imagine.

Yours very truly,

THE KISSEL MOTOR CAR CO.

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Sales Manager.

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INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF WISCONSIN

The Kissel Motor Car Co.

Hartford, Wisconsin

1000 Shares Common Stock at Value \$100 Per Share

This is to Certify that _____ is the owner of One shares, of the PREFERRED CAPITAL STOCK, Original Issue, of the KISSEL MOTOR CAR COMPANY, of the par value of \$100 per share, transferable only on the books of the company in person or by duly authorized attorney, upon surrender of this Certificate properly indorsed.

The Preferred Stock represented by this certificate is entitled to an annual cumulative dividend of 8%, payable out of the profits of the corporation, without deduction for normal federal income tax under existing law, on the first days of March, June, September and December in each year at the First National Bank of Hartford, Wisconsin, before any dividend is paid on the Common Stock of the corporation.

In the event of liquidation, such Preferred Stock shall be paid out of the assets, other than profits, of the corporation, the par value of \$100.00 per share, and out of the profits, if any, all accumulated dividends, plus a premium of \$5.00 on each share thereof, before any assets or profits are distributed to Common stockholders.

Such Preferred Stock shall not be entitled to participate in any other or additional assets, earnings, profits or future stock issues of the company. The corporation agrees to maintain at all times total net assets equal to at least 200% of the par value, and net quick assets equal to at least 125% of the par value of such Preferred stock outstanding.

Such Preferred stock is redeemable in whole or in part at the option of the corporation, upon any dividend paying date at \$105.00 per share and accumulated dividend, upon giving at least 30 days previous notice to the First National Bank of Hartford, Wisconsin, herewith designated as registrar, for all purposes of this issue.

The corporation agrees that it will each year, beginning September 1, 1922, redeem and retire not less than 5 per cent of the largest amount of Preferred Stock at any time outstanding, by either purchasing the same on the market at not to exceed \$105.00 per share, or by call and payment of \$105.00 per share and accrued dividends.

Such Preferred Stock shall have no voting power; but no change or amendment in respect to such Preferred Stock shall be made except by way of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation, and not then, unless adopted by at least a three-fourths vote of the holders of all outstanding stock, both Preferred and Common.

Witness the seal of the corporation, and the signatures of its duly authorized President and Secretary this 3rd day of JANUARY 1929



W L L Lind
SECRETARY

W L L Lind
PRESIDENT

\$100

