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ANNUAL MEETING/BANQUET:

As most of you are aware, in 1981 I was handed the reins to the Kissel Kar Klub and we have had an annual meeting every year since then. It was indeed a strange summer not to have an annual meeting! It just simply did not make sense to have one since there were not enough people interested in coming, especially considering that there was not a car show or anything else to go along with it. I can certainly appreciate that. A couple did respond positively, but that was not enough to put together a banquet. Next year is certainly going to be different. Hopefully, the major portion of the recreation center will be completed, and there will not be construction going on. At least not major construction as we had anticipated. The actual construction did not start yet for the recreation center due to a number of issues, predominantly issues dealing with the city. We did have wide open spaces here, but not in the condition that you would want to park, drive, or even walk on. I would assume that the next newsletter coming out, probably in May or June, I will have enough information on grounds condition to set up a proper activity and banquet meeting.

1920 KISSEL SPEEDSTER:

Kissel Speedster, 1920 Vintage, that has received the AACA Senior Class Award has been placed on a long term loan with the museum. This car is the one that was formerly owned by Gene Husting, then Harrahs, then Ed Gibbs, then Arthur Spanjar, and now finally it is owned by Fred Koller from Switzerland. He is still in Switzerland, but his car is in Wisconsin. I invite you to take a look at a wonderful restoration. It has certainly been done in high style, and we are very pleased to have it on display.

STILL LOOKING:

As the headline implies, we are still looking for pre-1920 Kissels to put on display in the museum. We are making arrangements to reposition our collection, and to eliminate a few of the other vehicles. We need to have more room for Kissels to display them properly. Anyone that has a 1908-1919 Kissel that wishes to put it on loan here at the museum, to get it out of the way if you're not using it; bring it down here. We'll take care of it until you want it back again! We are looking mostly for those that are restored.

DONATED SEDAN:

We have just been advised by phone and letter that a 1926 Kissel four-door automobile is being donated to us by Berl Springer of Texas. Some of you have known Berl Springer for years, and have dealt with him. He has decided that since he is unable to use the vehicle in the way that he would like to, it would be most appropriate to donate it to Hartford Auto Museum. We are very pleased that he has chosen this plan, and I would expect that in the next couple of months the vehicle will actually be delivered here. Thank you very much Mr. Springer.

TOY CARS:

While this may not be a Kissel item, we were very pleased to have received a collection of approximately 400 toy cars dating back to 1905 given to us by a retired doctor. We have had these for about two years, and have finally built a display to contain them. We are very happy to have these added to our collection of "other than Kissel" memorabilia.

ARTS CENTER:

As I had indicated in several newsletters and at the last banquet, the Schauer Arts and Activities center is going to be located within the museum building. We continue to work with the Schauer people to see to a speedy remodeling effort. It would appear that we will be sharing an entrance, which will be considerably different than the present entrance to the museum. It will show off both the Schauer Arts and Activities Center and the museum. There will be a lot of other things that will be changed here on the grounds. Between the recreation center, the arts center, and the museum, those of you that have been here know that the site looks

somewhat industrial, and of course that's natural since it was in industry. Now, of course, it will become something much better, have much better eye appeal, and should be more favorably accepted by the general public. We are very pleased that these arrangements have been made. Hopefully much of this work will be completed by late next summer.

NEEDS:

I would like to have you consider making a donation to the Hartford Heritage Auto Museum to help in our efforts to provide a source of Kissel information to show the public the wonderful abilities of the people who designed and built the Kissel automobile, and to help us get the message out. I also like to point out, that since we are a non-profit corporation that other than cash can be donated. As I had indicated in a previous newsletter, we are also in need of a newer copy machine, fax machine, and a computer. Any of these items would also be genuinely appreciated in helping our efforts.

FORNEY MUSEUM:

Many of you are aware that the Forney Museum is probably the only other museum that has Kissels. They have five and one is the Amelia Earhart Kissel. There were several articles written about their closing, they are untrue, and unfounded. They are moving to another location, in the Greater Denver Area and the collection is going to remain in tact.

WINTER SEASON:

I would like to wish all of you the best of the holiday season. For those of you who are heading south to escape the cold weather, have a safe trip. For those of you who are heading north to do winter skiing, enjoy your skiing. And those that are simply leaving the country, have a good time also. Either way, make it a safe trip, and do keep those Kissels running.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Anderson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.