

# The Kisselgraph

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## *The Kisselgraph, on September 19, 1918*



*The Kisselgraph turns 100-years old this year! The first issue is dated September 15, 1918, and was created by the Kissel Motor Car Company for factory workers away from home in support of the United States entry in the Great War. The scene here is of a community street fair on Main Street in Hartford, WI. After end of World War I, the publication was next used by Kissel to communicate with its sales force. Later the name was adopted by the KisselKar Klub for its newsletter.*

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*From the editor*

## Keeping Tabs on the Kissels

By Lynn Kissel

One item that takes constant attention is keeping track of the current

whereabouts of Kissel vehicles. One of the major causes of this dilemma is transfer of ownership.

Have you sold your Kissel? Unless you have reported this to the Klub, we are likely sending the newsletter and other communications to the wrong person. Would you help us get this newsletter to the current owner with a short note to the editor?

Have you seen a Kissel on the street or at

a local car show? Although membership in the Klub is free to current owners, not all Kissel owners are aware of the existence of the Klub. You can do the owner a favor and ask if they are member of the Klub.

One the back cover of this issue is a tongue-in-cheek “wanted poster”. It is intended as an appeal to current and former owners to help us keep the membership roster current.

Did you know that a **printed copy the Roster of the KisselKar Klub is available**? The roster is continuously updated and available only to members as a 50-page center-stapled booklet. Send a check for \$25 payable to ‘Lynn Kissel’ (postal address on page 2) or contact your editor for more details.

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



*Richard Olson informs your editor that they have created new copper head gaskets for 6-cylinder Kissels. I believe that these gaskets are essentially equivalent to Victor 50 head gaskets and fit Kissel Model 38, 45 and 55 engines. Please contact Olson’s Gaskets (360-871-1207, [www.olsonsgaskets.com](http://www.olsonsgaskets.com)) for pricing and availability. We hear that Olson’s Gaskets will be at the AACA Eastern Fall Meet (a.k.a. the Hershey Swap Meet) with samples, Oct. 10-13, 2018.*

## Kissel Vehicles that are Missing in Action

This is a list of Kissel vehicles that have been thought to exist, but their current owners and location are currently unknown.

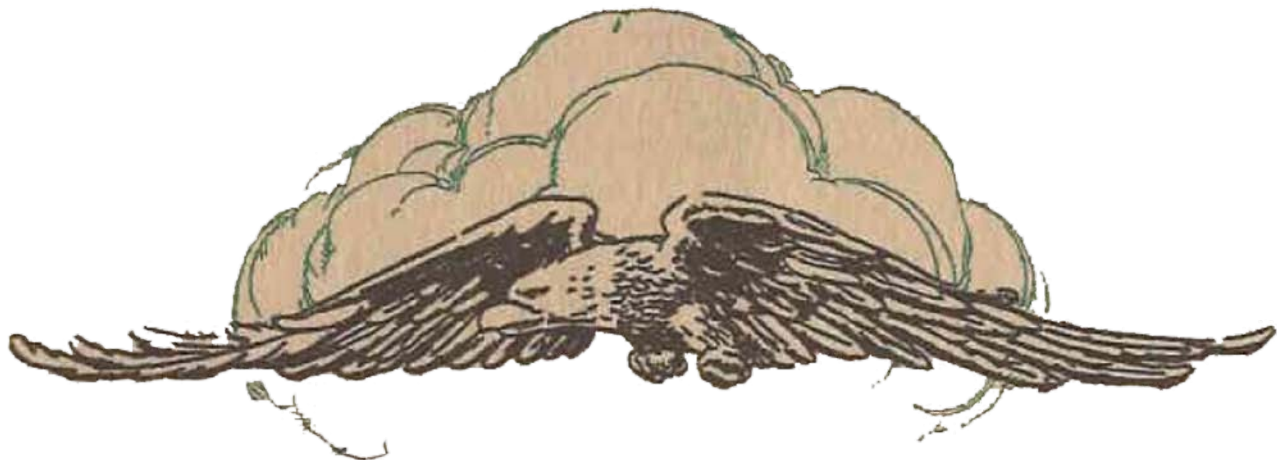
Please contact '[Editor@KisselKar.net](mailto:Editor@KisselKar.net)' with any information on these missing vehicles.

Year	Model#, Type, Car#, Eng#
1909	LD-9 (30), chassis Current owner unknown. Last known owner was Norman Lehman (Puyallup, WA).
1915	Touring 7P No contact information for last known owner, Lawrence Sarkin (Ogdensburg, NY).
1917	6-38, Roadster, Gibraltar 38-3801, 38-3358 Last known owner was John B McCall (Shawnee Mission, KS), deceased.
1918	6-38, Roadster, Gibraltar 38-5736, 38-5739 No contact information for last known owner, Clarence Malcolm.
1918	6-45, Touring 7P 45-288, 45-271 No contact information for last known owner, R Smith (CANADA).
1920	1T, Truck 22130, 31397 Last known owner, Melvin Paxton, deceased.

Year	Model#, Type, Car#, Eng#
1922	6-45, Touring 45-4410, 45-4429 No contact information for last known owner, Bill Mills (Escondido, CA).
1923	6-45, Speedster 45-7089, 45-6805 Sold circa May, 2015 to Richard Langefeld (Ocala, FL). Incomplete contact information for new owner.
1925	6-55, Brougham 55-7352, 55-7353 Current owner unknown. Last known owner was James Freeland.
1925	2.5T, Truck 51526 Last known owner was Gregory Lafler, Rt. 2 Box 92A, Sidney, NE 69162
1926	6-55, chassis 55-9348 Current owner unknown. Last known owner was Richard Braund.
1926	4-?, Fire Truck, hook & ladder eng# 20307 Current owner unknown. Last known owner was National Auto Museum (Reno, NV).
1927	6-55, Speedster, standard 55-13231, 55-13294 Current owner unknown. Sold at Bonhams auction in Scottsdale Jan. 15, 2015. Last known owner Raymond Scherr (Westlake Village, CA).
1927	8-65, Coupe Roadster eng# 65-1279 Current owner unknown. Last known owner was Rick Guriel.

Year	Model#, Type, Car#, Eng#
1927	8-75, Brougham 4D, standard 75-5436, 75-5438 Last known owner was William S Stewart (Ellington, CT), deceased.
1927	8-75, chassis eng# 75-5484 Current owner unknown. Last known owner was W Meyers.
1928	6-70, Brougham eng# 70-1727 No contact information for last known owner, Ray A D'Alton (AUSTRALIA).
1928	6-70, Touring Current owner unknown. Last known owner was Ted Morgan (AUSTRALIA) in the 1940s.
1928	8-80, Sedan 7P 80-3068, 95-1430 A parts car? Complete running gear but no or little body. Stored at Mike Scheutz property for ~20 years. Sold ~2013 to an individual in Rockford, IL. New owner unknown.
1928	8-80, Speedster 80-5010, 95-1234 Current owner unknown. Sold circa 2014. Last known owner was Ernesto Ayling (Buenos Aires, ARGENTINA).

Year	Model#, Type, Car#, Eng#
1928	Funeral Car No contact information for last known owner, William Thompson (Ohio?).
1929	6-73, Truck eng# 73-1041 Current owner unknown. Last known owner was Bills Auto Parts.
1929	8-95, Roadster 95-1052 No contact information for last known owner, Joel Rahn (ARGENTINA).
1929	8-95, Brougham 95-1086 Current owner unknown. Last known owner was George Creed.
1929	8-95, Sedan No contact information for last known owner, Josep Reyes (Barcelona, SPAIN).
1933	Kissel Speedster body on Auburn chassis No contact information for last known owner, Eric Jefferies.
unk	Touring No contact information for last known owner, Henry Osborne (Martinsville, NJ).



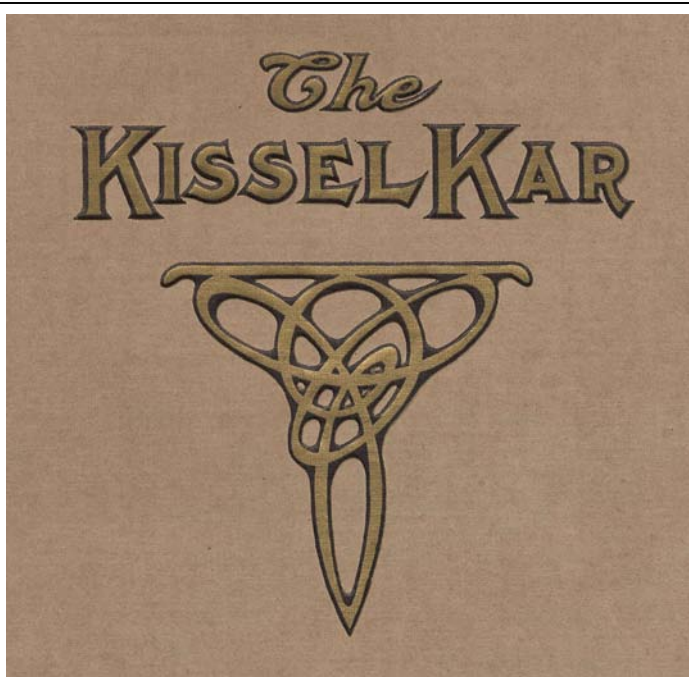
## Kissel Motor Car Company Art Work

**K**issel sales brochures individually, and as a group, show a brightness, color and artistic sense that is amazing. There are many examples to choose from, and here are some that caught your editor's eye.

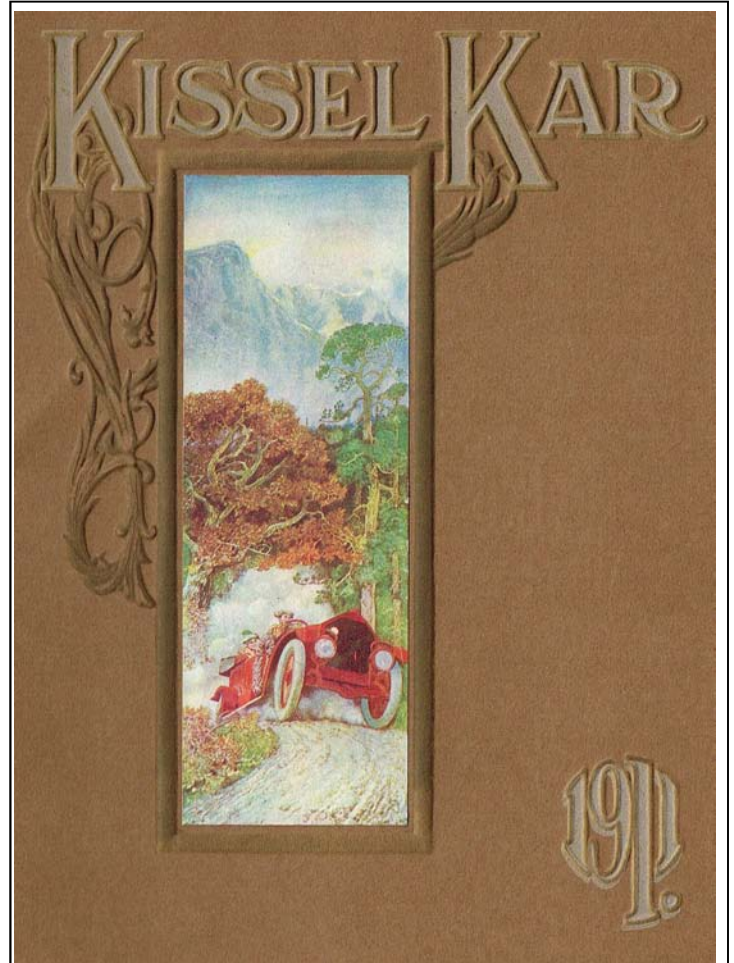
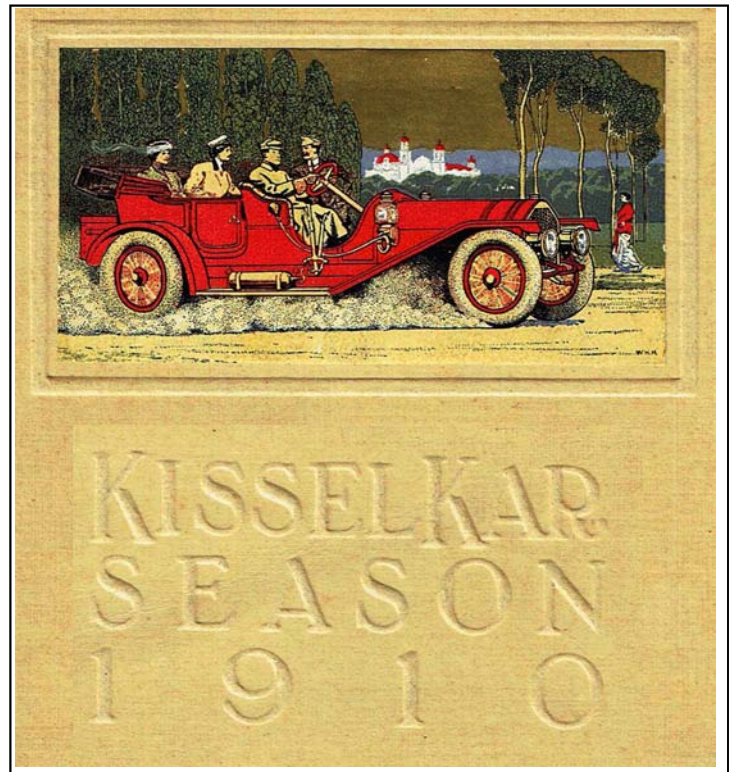
Many of the early works are embossed or feature engraved covers, labor intensive techniques that is becoming a lost art.

Your editor has taken the liberty of manipulating some of the images to add a model year and so that they better fit the layout of this newsletter.

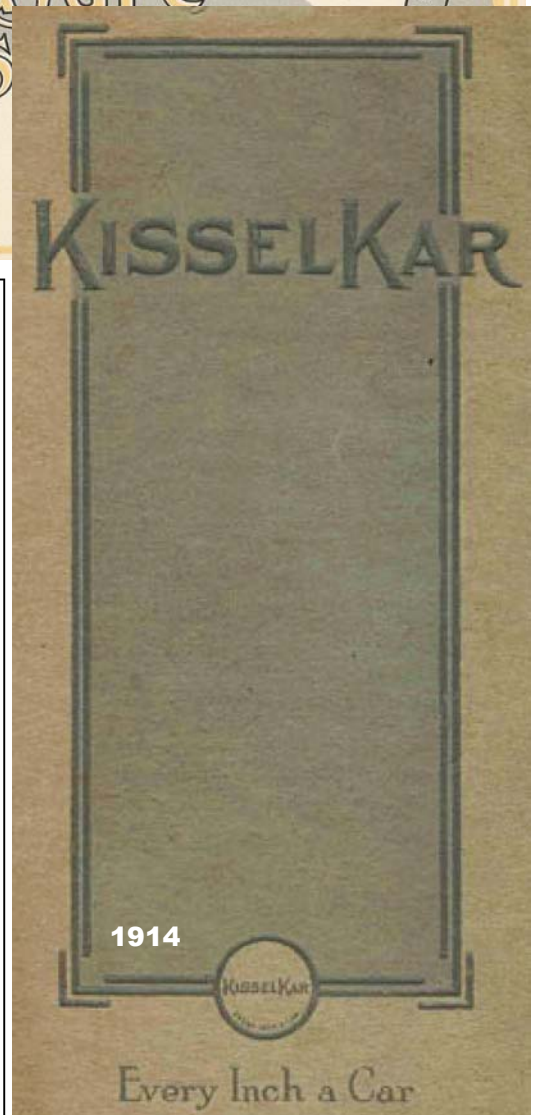
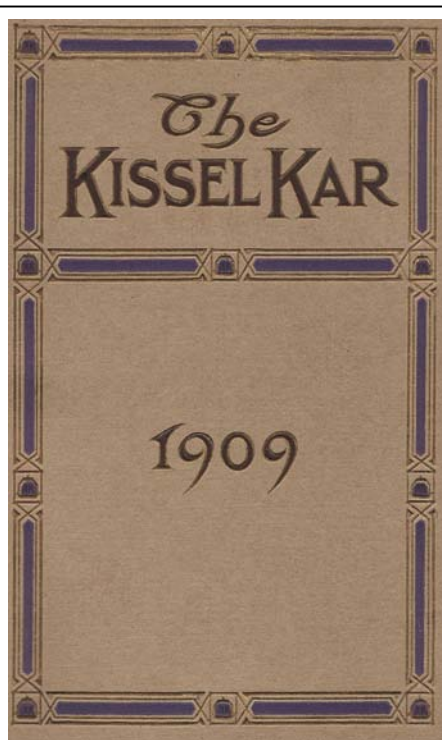
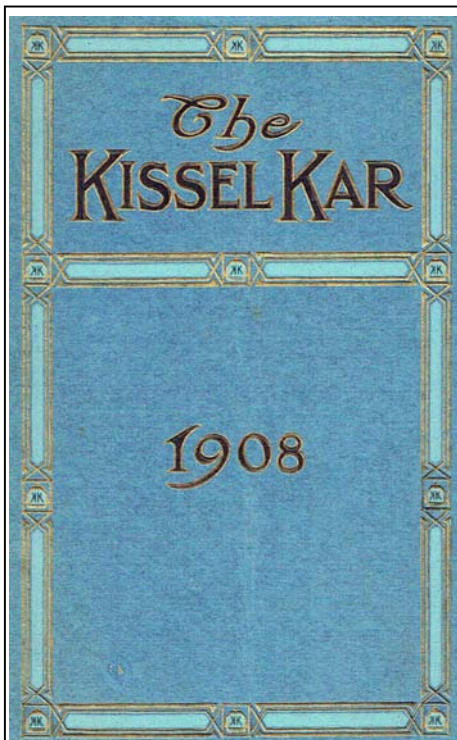
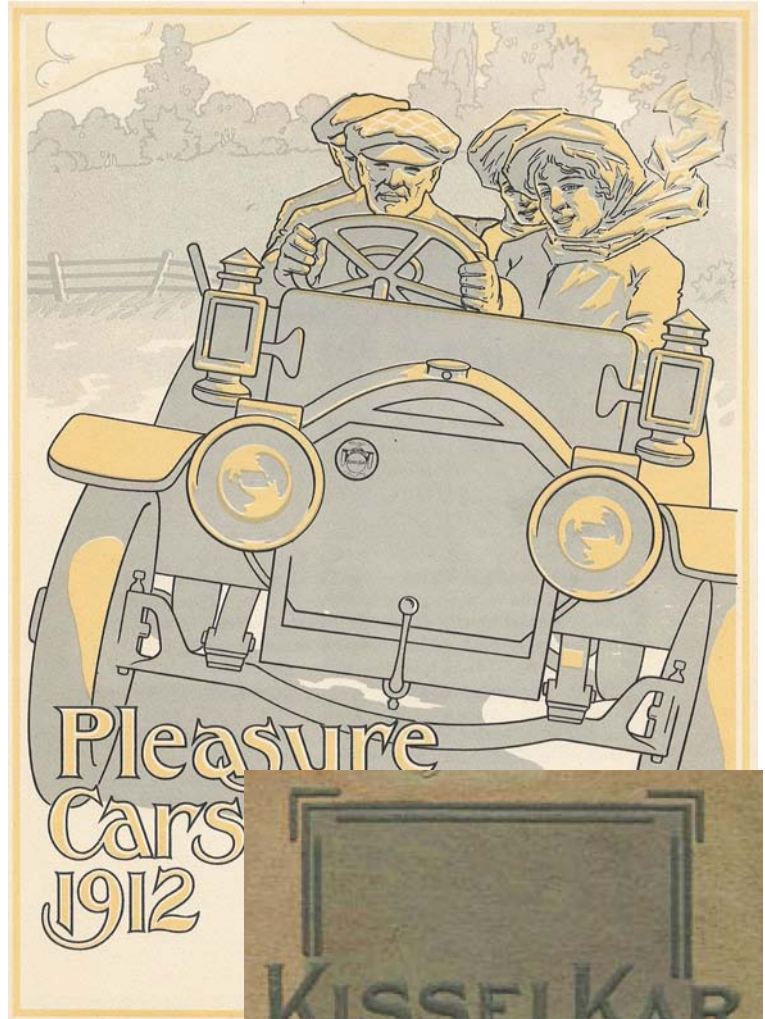
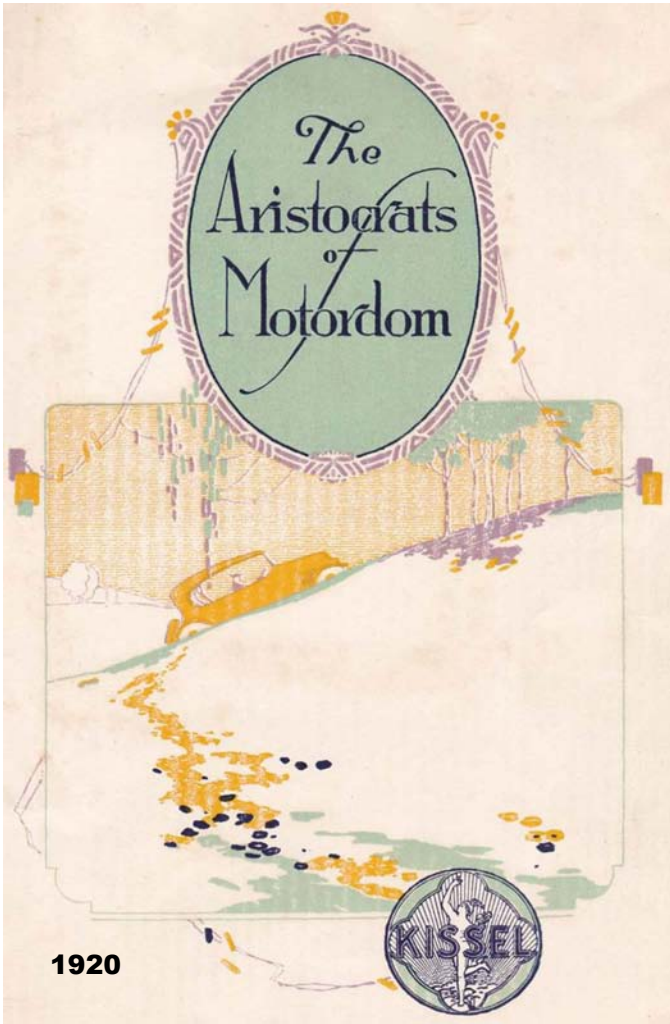
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From a 1907 sales brochure... Kissel's first brochure in their first year of production. McDuffee Auto Co. was the sole sales agent.



From a 1911 sales brochure... The cover of this large-format brochure is embossed and has a certain artistic flare.



In 1908, Kissel set out on their own, directly representing and selling their cars to the public.

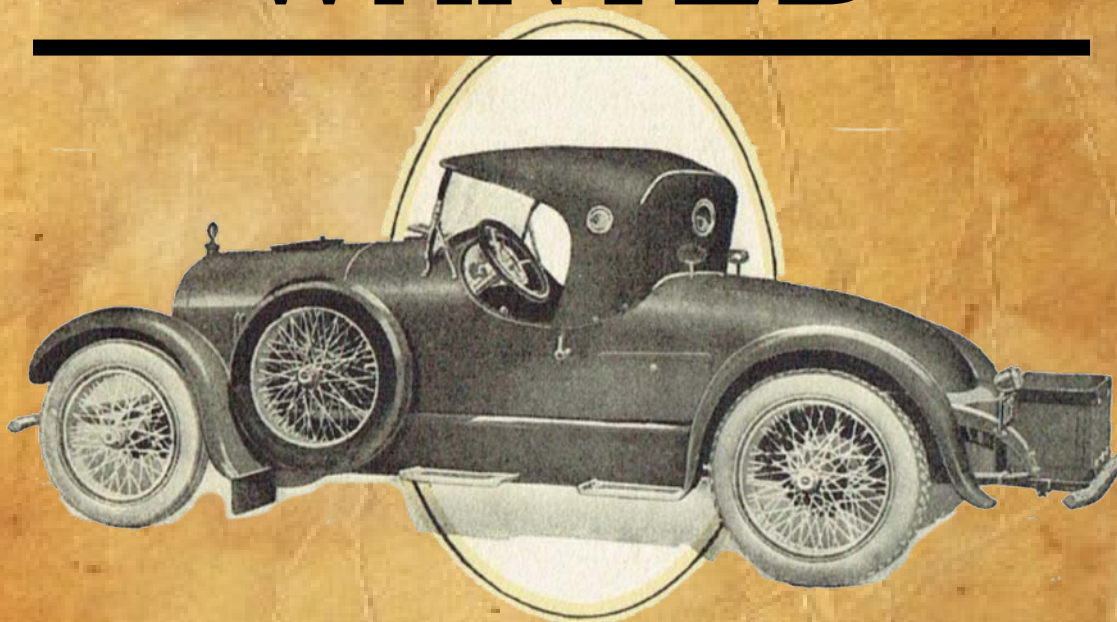
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**KISSEL VEHICLES ARE MISSING IN ACTION!  
CONTACT *THE KISSELGRAPH* EDITOR WITH  
ANY INFORMATION ON THEIR WHEREABOUTS**

The Klub roster has over thirty vehicles that were believed to have once existed but for which we have lost current owner information. Help us get this newsletter to current owners and clean up the roster of the KisselKar Klub.

(See the discussion inside for more information)