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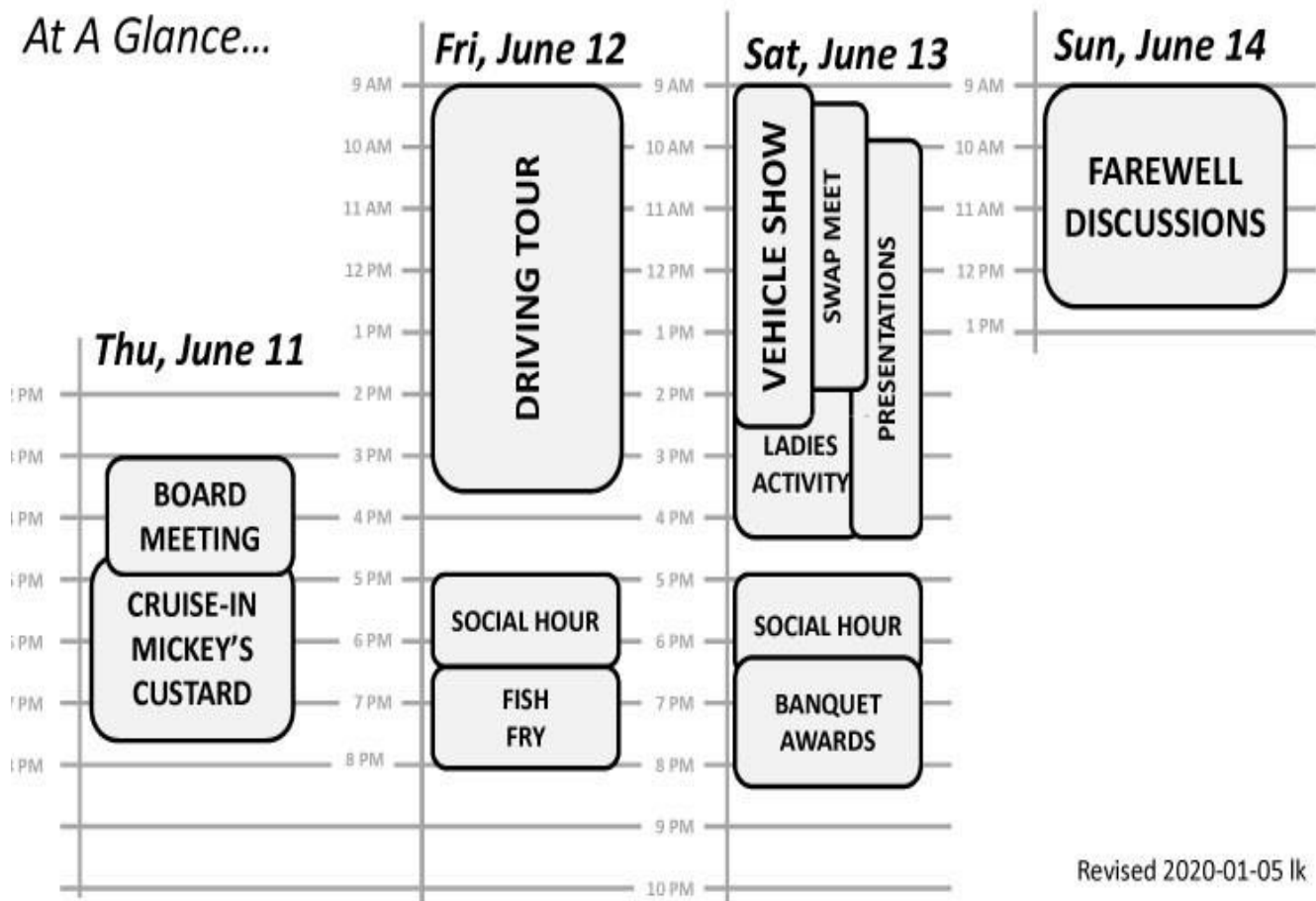
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## KisselKar Meet 2020

At A Glance...



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Here is a visual summary of the planning for our coming Klub Meet. Plans are still evolving so be sure to consult the Klub website for revised information.

<http://www.kisselkar.net/Events/2020/Meet2020/>

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*From the editor*

## **Planning for the 2020 Klub Meet, June 12-14, in Hartford, WI**

By Lynn Kissel

There has been a lot of activity recently, preparing for our upcoming Klub Meet 2020. With this issue, we share our vision for the meet with the “at a glance” graphic on the cover.

Elsewhere you will find a registration form. Naturally we’d prefer to hear from you soon, but there is a **registration deadline of May 22, 2020**. Why not register now, while you are thinking about it?

Accommodations may be scarce in and around Hartford on the weekend of our event, because of other events in the area. **You should consider making your reservations for lodging now.**

As our plans mature, we will be uploading

the changes to the Klub’s website. You can expect to see a link for more information on the home page, ‘[www.kisselkar.net](http://www.kisselkar.net)’.

There are some new activities being planned for this meet. During our exhibit of vehicles on Saturday, members will have an opportunity to make **presentations** on subjects relevant to the Klub. You will find a call for abstracts elsewhere.

We’re planning for a tightly-Kissel-focused **swap meet**. Find a note on this elsewhere.

Also, an activity is being organized for the ladies; watch the website.

We will be having a **Klub Board meeting**. All Klub members are welcome to attend.

By my count, the largest number of member vehicles will be exhibited at the meet. Yahoo! This should make for a greatest gathering of the Kissels in my memory.

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



### **Swap Meet**

We have plans for a swap meet at our 2020 Meet on Sat., June 13. Ronald Hausmann will coordinate this activity.

If you would like to bring something to swap, please contact Ron <[ronaldhausmann@yahoo.com](mailto:ronaldhausmann@yahoo.com)> to make arrangements.

We intend the swap meet to be focused directly on Kissel-related items, so please confirm with Ron before lugging your stuff to Hartford.

### **Presentations - Call for Abstracts**

We have plans for selected presentations by members on topics of interest to members of the Klub.

These are envisioned to be relatively short presentations, say 10-30 minutes, followed by general discussion.

If you would like to make a presentation, please send an email note to ‘[editor@kisselkar.net](mailto:editor@kisselkar.net)’ with a proposed title and a short abstract (one or several paragraphs).

Will you need any equipment, such as a screen and video projector? Let us know.

# Registration Form KisselKar Klub Meet

June 12-14, 2020, Hartford, Wisconsin

Kissel vehicle owners, family and friends are cordially invited to celebrate the vehicles, people and history of the Kissel Motor Car Company. The 2020 KisselKar Klub Meet will feature a driving tour, display of vehicles, swap meet, presentations, banquet with award presentations, and a concluding light breakfast and conversation with friends at the museum on Sunday morning.

Pre-meet activities include the cruise-in to Mickey's Fresh Frozen Custard and a Klub Board meeting on the afternoon of Thursday (6/11).

Registration deadline is **May 22, 2020**. Make checks payable to the "**Wisconsin Automotive Museum**". Please mail check and completed registration form to "**KisselKar Meet 2020, 147 N. Rural Street, Hartford, WI 53027**".

Principal Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print name exactly as you want it to appear on your nametag)

Additional Names: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print names exactly as you want them to appear on the nametags, comma separated)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Helpful for contact at the meet)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Bringing a Kissel vehicle? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Year, Model, Body Style; please enclose a photo or email to 'editor@kisselkar.net')

Registration (one per attendee)? \_\_\_\_\_ # of people x \$10/person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Going on the Friday driving tour? \_\_\_\_\_ # of people

Attending the Friday fish fry? \_\_\_\_\_ # of people x \$25/person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(price includes gratuity; non-fish entrée available upon special request)

Attending the Saturday banquet? \_\_\_\_\_ # of people x \$35/person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Attending the Sunday breakfast? \_\_\_\_\_ # of people

Klub Meet embroidered shirts? \_\_\_\_\_ # shirts x \$35/shirt = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mens: \_\_\_ # XS, \_\_\_ # S, \_\_\_ # M, \_\_\_ # L, \_\_\_ # XL+ \_\_\_ # 2XL, \_\_\_ # 3XL

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## In Brief...

Find *InBrief* files on the Klub website, [www.kisselkar.net](http://www.kisselkar.net). From the home page, click on the "Members" link, then "The Kisselgraph" link to find the *InBrief* files.

(<http://www.kisselkar.net/Members/Kisselgraph/InBrief/2019/>)

**Bruce McBroom** has published a very interesting article in the *Bumper Guardian* 2019 (Autumn), newsletter of the Pacific Northwest Region of the Classic Car Club of America. In it he tells of a life-long search for his grandfather's 1927 Kissel "Gold Bug" (car# 75-5891) and his reconnection with it.

**Bruce Yeaton** has forwarded photos showing progress on restoration of his 1922 Kissel Speedster (car# 45-5061).

**Charles Kissel** has sent a trip report on exhibiting his 1930 Kissel 8-95 Sedan (car# 95-4616) at the Carmel Mission Plaza Car Show. Together with his son, Chuck, they enjoyed the keen attention that their Kissel garnered.

**Doug Kissel** tells us of successfully using a modern serpentine drive belt as a fan belt on his 1925 Kissel 6-55 Enclosed Speedster (car# 55-5503). Although others on the AACA Forums had success running a serpentine belt "ribs up" or "ribs down", the belt would only stay on the pulleys with "ribs up" for Doug. The forum conversation identified multiple sources for flat leather belts.

**Doug Kissel** has been making progress on the brakes of his 1925 Kissel 6-55 Enclosed Speedster (car# 55-5503). Replacing the return springs considerably helped with his efforts to adjust the clearance between the drums and the bands.

**Joe Leaf** has published a YouTube video with the first engine start of the restoration-in-progress of his 1922 Kissel 6-45 Speedster (car# 45-6026). This was the first engine start since 1992. Experience some of the excitement, as friends and

family take turns running up and down the driveway. Joe makes a speed run at timestamp 8:10.

<https://youtu.be/c-tG9W4t5y0>

**Robert Woodburn** has forwarded several photos of his 1912 KisselKar 6-60 Semi-Touring (car # 60-4335).

Bob's collection of largely unrestored antique cars, including his big-6 Kissel, is featured in a Hagerty video "The Barn Find Hunter climbs through a Toronado to check out a Corvette", Oct. 2, 2019. Of special interest to Klub members is the start and drive of the Kissel. To find the Kissel part, move to timestamp 16:20 in the 22 minute video. The speed and grace of the traveling Kissel is amazing.

<https://youtu.be/9sQ1CC53avl>

**Ron Hausmann** has completed restoration of his 1918 Kissel 6-38 Sedanlette (car# 38-4944). This is expected to be one of several cars that Ron is bringing to the 2020 Meet. Congratulations, Ron!

**Ron Hausmann** has LOTS of Kissel parts to swap, and he is NOT planning to bring them to the 2020 Meet. Ron has pictures and descriptions too large to publish here, including: eight spare engines 6-38, 6-45, 6-55; many frames and axles 6-38, 6-45, 6-55; a dozen radiators 1916-1927; windshields and bumpers. Ron says that he will accept pre-orders. Send him a note?







Fire Chief Bess at the public unveiling of the restored engine.

## Restoration Completed

**D**oug Bess, Fire Chief of the Salida/ South Arkansas Fire Department, sends this update on the restoration of their 1911 KisselKar Fire Engine (car# 2T-5624). Detailed restoration plans were noted in *Kisselgraph* 2015, Vol. 41, No. 1 (June). That article displayed some remarkable historical images of the truck in service to the city.

Chief Bess tells us...

*“After being awarded the state historical grant in 2015, and after raising over \$20K in matching funds, it was time to find a restoration expert. We chose Doug Klink with Reliance Fire Museum in Estes Park, Colorado. The truck was delivered to Reliance Fire Museum on June 11, 2015.*

*The first year was spent locating missing crucial parts such as headlights, coach lights, rear torches, carburetor, etc. Beginning in 2016, the truck was disassembled and the parts were categorized.*

*At this point, we discovered that the frame was bent from an accident in the past. The frame was shipped to Boulder, Colorado*

*and straightened.*

*Throughout 2017, every part on the truck was media blasted and painted. Parts were shipped off to platers around the country. The aluminum drive plate on the clutch had to be rebuilt from scratch. The leather on the leather cone clutch was replaced and the water pump had to be rebuilt by a fabricator in Arizona.*

*In 2018, the project really started coming together. The painting and plating was all done and re-assembly of the truck had begun.*

*I asked the restorer if he could have the truck back to Salida for our annual FibArk Parade on **June 15**, 2018. With a lot of long days, the truck arrived on **June 14th** and was unveiled in the parade.*

*Since having the truck back, it has been in multiple local parades, a local car show, a chamber of commerce event, and was on display for an open house at the local museum.*

*A couple of historical notes; when sand blasting the frame, the original gold leaf was discovered. The original black leather*





*and horse hair were found under the re-upholstered seat.”*

The nearby images show the exquisite detail and high quality of restoration effort. The excellent results must surely contrib-

ute to a justified community pride in the citizens of Salida.



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### **1911 KisselKar Fire Engine (car# 2T-5624) on Parade**



*Fire Chief Doug Bess pilots Salida, Colorado's freshly restored fire engine in the Parade of Lights 2018. Read about Salida's successful conclusion to a multi-year restoration effort in this issue.*