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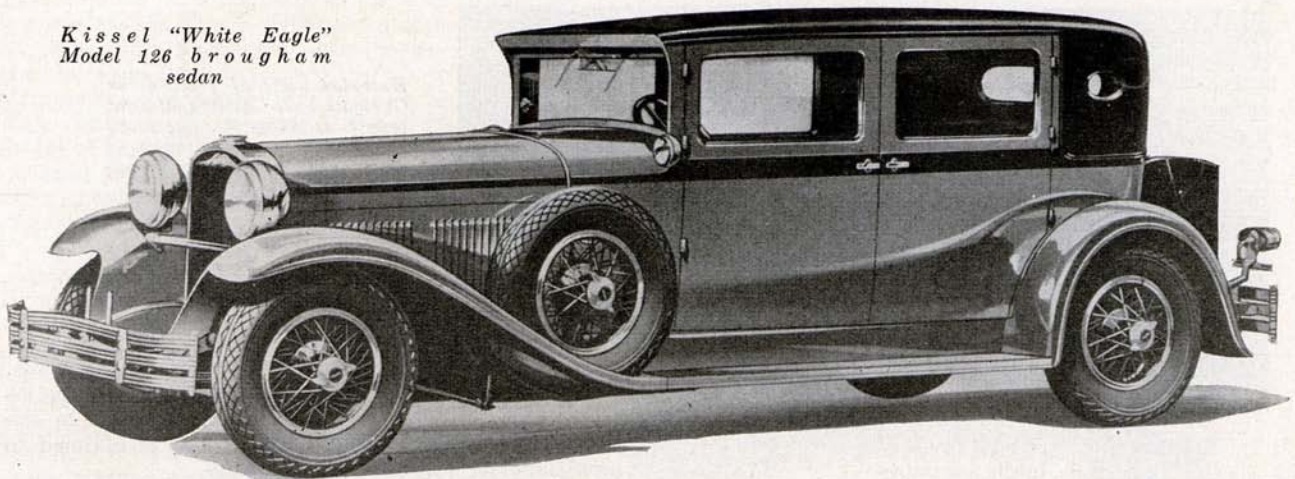
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Kissel White Eagle

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Automotive Industries
September 1, 1928

*Kissel "White Eagle"
Model 126 brougham
sedan*



Kissel Announces New Line With Conventional *Radiator* Design

Appearance of cars greatly changed. Three models, including two straight eights, offered. Compression is higher. Hydraulic brakes fitted. 21 body styles.

By M. Warren Baker

RADICAL changes in outward appearance are combined with refinements in chassis and additional power and speed in the three new 1929 White Eagle Kissel series. Two straight eights and a six will constitute the line. [snip]

This is the beginning of an article announcing Kissel White Eagle automobiles for 1929. Kissel sold 416 examples of cars offered in 21 body styles on big-8, small-8 and 6-cyl. models. Kissel also sold 8 trucks, 190 funeral cars, 285 taxis. Total 1929 total production was 899. We know of 14 that survive.

The Kissel White Eagle has been selected as the logo for Kissel Meet 2023. We meet in Hartford, Wisconsin June 9-11. Inside this issue you will find more details and a registration form.

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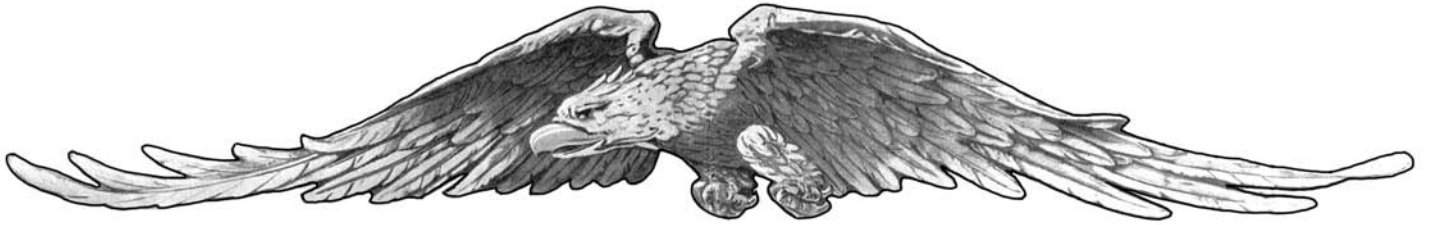
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147 N. Rural Street
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From the editor

Kissel Meet 2023

By Lynn Kissel

Our plans are coming together for a Kissel Meet on **June 9-11, 2023** in Hartford, Wisconsin. A schedule of events and registration form can be found in this newsletter. Members and friends are cordially invited to join us to celebrate the vehicles, people and history of the Kissel Motor Car Company.

Of course, we want you to mail us your registration and check at your earliest convenience. It is a courtesy to the organizers, and we are honoring **no-fault refunds through May 19, 2023** (3 weeks before the event). Sign up today before it gets buried on your ToDo list.

Are you bringing a vehicle for display or touring to the meet? That is exciting news and we'd like to hear about it. There is a place for this on the registration form.

So far, I remember hearing that **Ronald Hausmann** planned to exhibit 4-1/2 vehicles, **Mark A Kissel** plans to show two. **George Carr, Peter and Thomas Klug, John Noel, Lynn and Jeanne Kissel** are each bringing one. **Doug and Shiela Kissel**, who live in Hartford, will be showing us several of their cars in and out of the museum.

Your meeting registration fee grants special access to the 28 or so Kissels on display inside the **Wisconsin Auto Museum**.

Our registration form asks if you are **bringing a trailer**. There is limited room for parking several trailers behind the museum. Some of our trailer parking will not be conducive to using your trailer like a garage with load/unload access during the meet.

There is space for **overnight parking of Kissel vehicles** in the museum's train shed. If your car drips (who's doesn't), we'll have some cardboard for you to use as a drip pan under your car.

Following the pattern of recent meets, we will have a driving event on Friday, a exhibition of vehicles and banquet on Saturday, and farewell discussions at the museum on Sunday morning. In between I hope that we will have lots of time for stimulating discussions and socializing.

One feature of last year's meet that I hope we will repeat is the **presentations by members**. The owner or representative of each exhibited vehicle should be prepared for a discussion next to their car on Saturday. I expect that we will post a schedule of car talks; thinking of 15 minutes of active discussion. Please let me know if you have other topics that you would like to present.

This is likely not the last word on our plans. Look to the Klub website to see if there are updates to our plans.

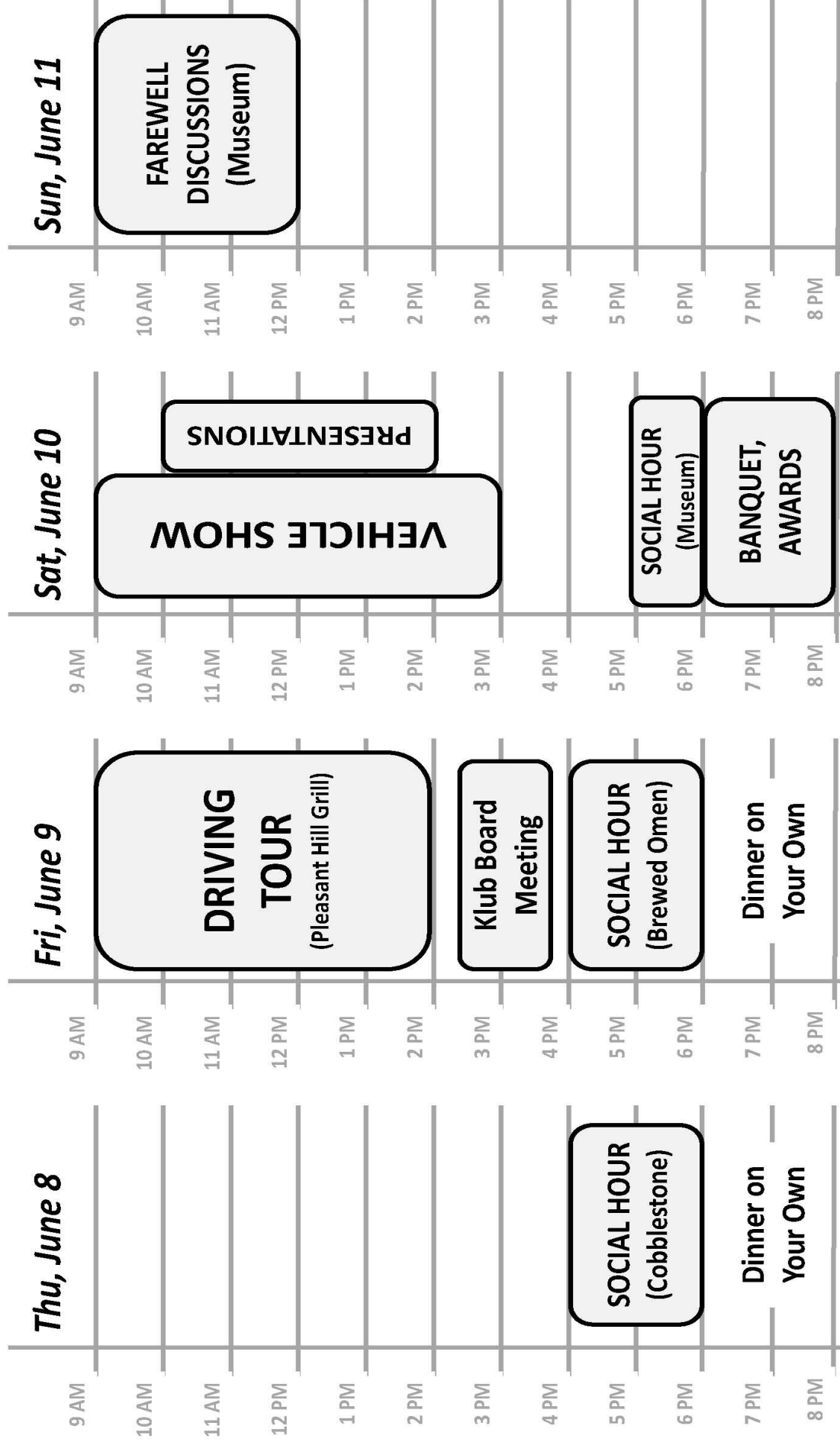
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Will we see you in Hartford this coming June? Register today and let us know!

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Contact Lynn Kissel "*editor@kisselkar.net*".

KISSEL MEET 2023





KISSEL MEET 2023

Registration Form

June 9-11, Hartford, Wisconsin

Kissel vehicle owners, family and friends are cordially invited to celebrate the vehicles, people and history of the Kissel Motor Car Company. Kissel Meet 2023 will feature a driving tour, display of vehicles, presentations, banquet with award presentations, and a concluding light breakfast and conversation with friends at the museum on Sunday morning.

Registration deadline is May 19, 2023. Registration fee is not refundable after the registration deadline. Make checks payable to the "Wisconsin Automotive Museum". Please mail check and completed registration form to "Kissel Meet 2023, 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? Trailer? _____
(Year, Model, Body Style; please email a photo 'editor@kisselkar.net')

Registration Fee (one per attendee)? _____ # of people x \$25/person = \$ _____

Going on the Friday driving tour? _____ # of people

Attending the Saturday banquet? _____ # of people x \$40/person = \$ _____

Attending the Sunday breakfast? _____ # of people x \$6/person = \$ _____

Klub Meet embroidered shirts? _____ # shirts x \$40/shirt = \$ _____

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We Have Heard That...



Ronald Hausmann received a class award in the *American Classics* division at the Detroit Concours d'Elegance, Sep. 18, 2022. He received this award for his 1923 Kissel 6-45 Speedster (car# 45-7245). Congratulations, Ron!



The **Wisconsin Automotive Museum** is selling a new cap in their gift shop. Contact the museum for more information (info@wisconsinautomuseum.com, 262-673-7999).

Lynn Kissel is attending the SPAAMFAA 2023 Winter Convention — that is the *Society for the Preservation and Appreciation of Antique Motor Fire Apparatus in America*. The meeting is hosted by the *Hall of Flame Museum of Firefighting* in Phoenix, AZ. All those words point to antique fire equipment, and that leads Lynn to Kissel.

It is no surprise that the Kissel Motor Car Company built fire engines, trucks and cars. In *Kisselgraph* (2015-06, 2019-12) **Chief Doug Bess** told us of the restoration of the 1911 Kissel Fire Engine (car# 2T-5624) of Salida, CO. It *did* come as a surprise to Lynn that over 1/3 of the surviving Kissel trucks are firefighters.

The Hall of Flame Museum is the largest firefighting museum in the world with more than 130 wheeled pieces dating back to 1725. The museum houses an impressive 1920 Kissel Ladder Truck (eng# 4525).

Yes, it's true, Lynn knows next to nothing about Kissel fire trucks. In spite of this, he has requested time to lead a discussion on Kissel. Perhaps he will learn more about Kissel's role in this field.



Doug Wheeler (New Zealand) sent this picture of a 1913 Kissel fire truck in Auckland, New Zealand.



Ronald Hausmann told us that he is planning to bring 4-1/2 Kissels to our 2023 Meet. One might guess that this 2021 photo from Ron captures the beauties that he will exhibit. Left-to-right: 1921 Tourster (car# 45-3677, green); 1923 Brougham (car# 55-1108, red); 1923 Speedster (car# 45-7245, yellow); 1918 Sedanlette (car# 38-3944, blue) with detachable hardtop on trailer off screen right.



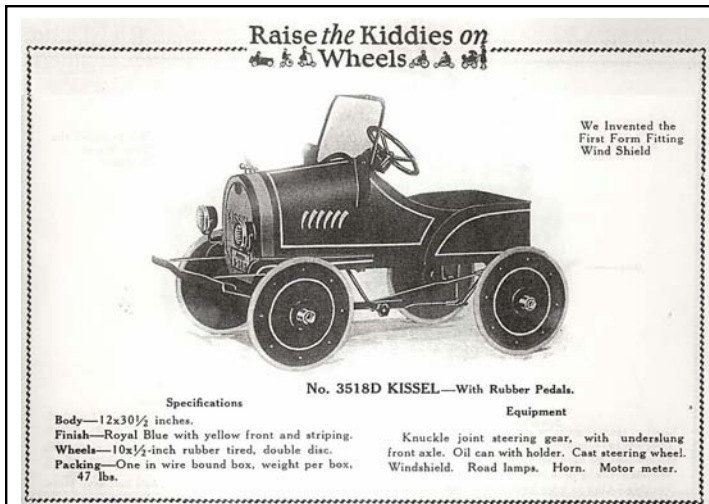
Dawn Bondhus sends this shot of the Wisconsin Auto Museum's holiday display. Front, center is 1914 Touring (car# 15471) owned by **Lynn and Jeanne Kissel**.

The Not-A-Kissel *KISSEL* On Display at Kissel Meet 2023

By Lynn Kissel

Multiple companies manufactured pedal cars co-marketed with full-sized automobile companies. I've seen now rare catalogs from the nineteen-teens, -twenties and -thirties that advertised multiple *KISSEL* models.

Even rarer now are surviving Kissel pedal



American-National Company, Toledo, Ohio (1923).



1923 Kissel No.3518D after completing its restoration in January 2020.

cars from this era. I've seen less than a hand full of examples. One of them is scheduled for exhibition at our 2023 meet.

Another dimension to this story, we've acquired old images of children in studio photos in a Kissel pedal car. It tickles my fancy to think that someone would have selected a Kissel pedal car for this professional service.

I acquired our 1923 Kissel No.3518D pedal car at an online auction in 2008. A serious freshening was undertaken, acquiring many of the original, but missing parts. It was just like restoring a big car, with its fair share of effort and expense.

I hope you will take a look at our 1923 Kissel along with its big sister, *Miss Amy**, at our June 2023 meeting in Hartford.

Contact Lynn Kissel "editor@kisselkar.net".

* 1929 Kissel 8-95 Tourster (car# 95-1504)



A studio photo of a child in a Kissel pedal car.

Some Member Vehicles Expected at Kissel Meet 2023...



1912 SemiRacer (car# 10103)



1929 Brougham (car# 126-1064)



1929 Coupe Roadster (car# 95-1050)



1918 Roadster (car# 38-5127)



1924 Speedster (car# 55-4323)



This is a mockup of the Kissel Meet 2023 shirt sent to us by **Dawn Bondhus**. Shirts that Dawn has ordered for our recent gatherings have been of superb quality and very attractive, and our shirt for 2023 follows in that tradition. Museum staff member **Erin Rice** is responsible for the graphic design. These shirts are available in women and men styles.



Dawn Bondhus sends these images of the front and back of a new shirt being added to the Wisconsin Auto Museum's gift shop. Dawn tells us that the graphics for this shirt were created by museum staff member **Erin Rice**.



Lynn and Jeanne Kissel (California) will bring *Miss Amy*, their 1929 Tourster (car# 95-1504), to Kissel Meet 2023.

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Kissels on Parade



(Dawn Bondhus, Wisconsin Automotive Museum)

Sheila and Doug Kissel proudly exhibit their 1927 Kissel 8-75 Brougham (car# 75-5436) on Main Street in the 36th Annual Hartford Christmas Parade, Nov. 12, 2022. Aside from assuring that this magnificent 95-year-old vehicle is capable of navigating public roads, you will notice that they have invested considerable effort in making their car holiday-parade ready. They earned a third-place award for their effort. It is hard to be certain, but I think I see a tannenbaum in the back seat.. Happy Holidays to all our members and friends.