

THE

GREAT LAKES ARCHER

The Newsletter of the Great Lakes Region of the Pierce-Arrow Society



It's a New Car in Our Region!
This is the "Fatty Arbuckle" 1919 66hp Custom Touring
It was recently acquired by the Stahl Collection in
New Baltimore, Michigan

This incredible 1919 Pierce-Arrow 66 A-4 Touring car recently arrived at the collection after making an appearance at the 2020 Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance. The car was custom-built for vaudevillian and early motion picture star, Roscoe C. "Fatty" Arbuckle. The coachwork was a very early design by a young Harley J. Earl for Don Lee Coachbuilders in southern California. Earl would eventually move on to a stellar design career at General Motors. The chassis has a 147.5" wheelbase and 36" tires. The gas tank holds 32 gallons since the car seldom got more than 4 miles to the gallon. (Photo and text by the Stahl Collection.)

A View From the Rumbleseat:

by Bill Morris, Editor

This would normally be our "Spring Fling" issue, but because of Covid-19 we had to cancel the Fling. In its place we offer photos of new cars to the region as well as cars that have changed hands within the region.

Welcome New Members

Patrick Lauber 583 Wiles RD
Claude Ohanesian 707 Buena RD

Mansfield, OH 44903-8642
Lake Forest, IL 60045-4402

The Empty Seat:

George O. Slankard

A Society member since 1967, George passed away suddenly in his Sesser, IL home on March 8 at age 95. He is survived by Mary, his wife of 67 years, nephew Thomas Mallory (Chris), niece Marsha Mahan (John), and several grand nieces and grand nephews. George was an ardent vintage auto enthusiast and the 1933 Pierce long wheelbase V-12's were his favorites. His 1925 80 Coupe is currently on loan in the Pierce-Arrow Museum.

As the Publisher of Cars & Parts magazine in the 60's & 70's he aggressively promoted the Pierce-Arrow marque. George and Mary have attended numerous Annual Meets over the last half century, most recently in 2004. He had no children, but always found great delight in spoiling the children of family, friends, and PAS members. He was a remarkable, memorable, helpful and generous gentleman. A memorial service will be held later.

The Society extends its sincerest condolences to the family on behalf of its members. A George Slankard Memorial Fund has been established by the Pierce-Arrow Foundation and Museum in Hickory Corners, MI. Please send Memorial donations to: Pierce-Arrow Museum, PO Box 309, Whitehall, MI 49461-0309.

Following the Arrow:

by Jane Barclay, GLR Regional Director

Here's a note from Eric and Chris Peterson along with some photos of the 1937 1702 7P Sedan recently acquired from the Barclays.

Hi Bill, here are some photos. I have a few others I will send in another text. Use whatever you feel you need. The other pics are of when we picked it up from David and Jane Barclay.

1. Heads are magna fluxed
2. Lap the valves ?
3. Putting on all new exhaust, wrapped also to divert heat
4. Sandblasted rims, powder coated black
5. Ordered 4 new tires and tubes
6. Redid break drums, repacked wheel bearing with grease.
7. Carburetor and water pump being redone by- (I have to get the name) someone from the club.

We were not going to repaint it this year, we wanted to just have it running really good for the Hershey meet, but now we might have it painted. We just have to see how everything goes together. Eric has spent may hours either talking to members of the club or on the forum page with them. EVERYONE has been super helpful, and we can't thank everyone enough! Cannot wait to start this up and hear it run!



Eric and Chris Peterson with their 1937 1702 7P Sedan



New member Patrick Lauber sent some photos of his “barn find” 1930 Model B 7P Sedan. We love original cars and we encouraged Patrick to send some pics no matter how rough the car may be. The good news is that it’s running and can be driven. Of course, you can see that the barn did not do a very good job of protecting the interior.



More photos of Patrick Lauber's 1930 Model B 7P Sedan



New members Tom and Joyce Edfors also sent me some photos of their 1925 Series 80 Runabout. It's a very nice car and we encourage them to bring it to the Gathering at Gilmore so we can help them sort out some electrical/fuel problems



2020 Great Lakes Region Pierce-Arrow Calendar

May 15-17 Gilmore, MI **Gilmore Congress of Motorcars CANCELLED**

June 7-9 Auburn, IN **AACA Meet.** AACA Grand National – 717-534-1910

June 6-7 Gilmore, MI **CCCA Museum Experience at the Gilmore CANCELLED**

June 9-13 Lancaster, PA **Pierce-Arrow Society Annual Meet**

POSTPONED to 2021 due to Coronavirus

June 14 Marysville, MI **23rd Annual “The Past & It’s Wheels”** Port Huron area Car & Art Show. Terry Ernest (810) 334-5657

June 14 Cincinnati, OH **Ault Park Concours** Call Stu Blair – (513) 340-8370

June 21 Oakbrook, IL **CCCA Father’s Day Show** Bill Morris(630)469-9138

June 21 Grosse Pt. MI **Eyes on Design Show** at Edsel Ford home

June 25-28 Ohio CCCA CARavan Mini-Tour and a Grand Classic Judged Show

July 26 Plymouth, MI **Concours of America at St. Johns.** (248)-643-8645

Aug 1 Gilmore, MI **Red Barns Spectacular.** Gilmore’s biggest event. Show & swap meet.

Aug 21-23 Gilmore, MI **17th Annual PAS Gathering at Gilmore** Two plus tour days & a Sunday show at the Pierce-Arrow Museum for PAS members & guests.
Host Hotel will be **Comfort Inn** in Plainwell, MI - **(269) 685-9891**
\$126 Group Rate. Fun tours, great scenery, car collections, and good food.
New & Old favorite venues as we enjoy the back roads of West MI.
Rooms blocked only until July 31. Please reserve early!
Registration forms with more details will be mailed in Spring & on PAS website very soon. Contact Dave Stevens NEW #(231) 740-3610

Sept.19-20 Indianapolis, IN Connor Prairie Car Show & Events, CCCA Indiana Region

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Call your Area Coordinator or Dave Stevens with event ideas or events to add!

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INDIANA Roy Foreman - (219) 942-8138

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