

THE GREAT LAKES ARCHER



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



**Gathering at Gilmore "Harris Award" Winner
1931 Model 42 Sport Phaeton
Don Lang and Gayle Haponik**

**Oh, what a great time we had at this year's
Gathering at Gilmore
Don't miss all the photos and stories inside!**



A View From the Rumbleseat:

by Bill Morris, Editor

In this issue we present our annual "Gathering at Gilmore" issue. Thanks go to Dave Stevens for the story and photos and to Bob Didomenico and Merlin Smith for photos.

Welcome New Member:

Greg and Theresa Prior
551 Oakland Ave.
Birmingham, MI 48009

Following the Arrow:

by Jane Barclay, GLR Regional Director

Hello Great Lakes Members,

Our GLR Region had wonderful attendance at the 2021 Gathering at Gilmore. We all want to send a sincere "Thank You" to Dave and Diana Stevens for chairing all of the 18 annual Gatherings. 18 years is pure dedication to the Pierce-Arrow Society and the Pierce-Arrow Museum, and we are so lucky to have Dave and Diana's continued support.

We had many first timers at the Gathering as well as members from Texas, Nebraska, Louisiana, Arkansas, and many from our region. Bill Morris will be providing us with many pictures in this newsletter edition. There will be a 2022 Spring Fling in Ann Arbor, MI with the dates of April 21 thru 24, 2022. The third time is a charm we hope. In Ann Arbor, we will travel to Ypsilanti and visit the Air Museum, The Firehouse Museum, and the Automotive Heritage/Hudson National Museum. Arrival at the Hilton Garden Inn of Ann Arbor on Thursday April 21st for the start of our weekend. Friday is a tour to "Hell and Back," for ice cream in Hell, MI and other local sites. Saturday Ypsilanti and touring, followed by a dinner as a group. We hope to see many of you in Ann Arbor.

We have a commitment from Stu & Clara Blair and Tom & Joan Barrett for a Spring Fling 2023 in the Cleveland area. It will be exciting to head to the eastern portion of our GLR Region. Thank you to Stu, Clara, Tom and Joan. We look forward to our visit to Ohio!!

Mark your calendars for these PAS events:

- **GLR Spring Fling ~ Ann Arbor, MI - April 21-24, 2022 - Info Coming**
- **64th Annual Meet ~ Buellton, CA - June 20-24, 2022**
- **19th Gathering at Gilmore ~ Hickory Corners, MI - August 25-28, 2022 - Info Coming**
- **65th Annual Meet ~ Glenn Falls, NY - June 19-24, 2023**
- **66th Annual Meet ~ Kalamazoo, MI - August 20-25, 2024**

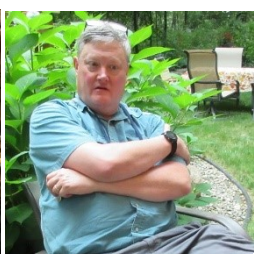
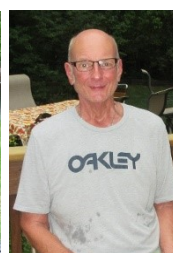
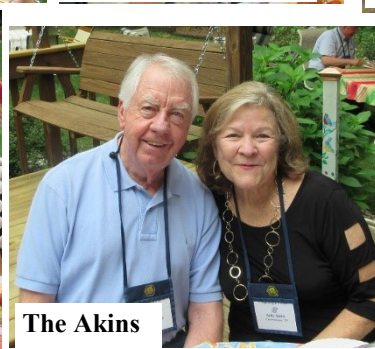
As noted before, there will be a National PAS Meet in Kalamazoo, MI August 20-25, 2024. Our Meet Committee, chaired by Merlin Smith, includes many GLR members: Dave and Diana Stevens, Eric and Chris Peterson, Bill Morris and Wilma Hunter-Morris, Liz Horne, Jane and Dave Barclay & Greg Long and Ken Sockrider. If you would like to help us with the Kalamazoo Meet please contact me at 773-771-9326. May you all stay healthy and safe until we meet again. Thank you Bill for another great newsletter!

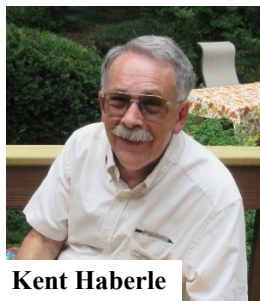
My Best,

Jane Mann Barclay
GLR Director

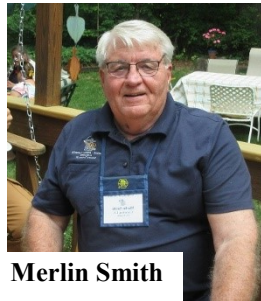
The 18th Annual Gathering was attended by almost 80 PAS members and guests from 17 states and Canada. The East, South and West coasts were represented. While some of our regulars were unable to attend this year, we enjoyed the company of a good number of first timers throughout the long weekend.

Thursday evening we enjoyed a delicious buffet at the Mahan residence near the hotel. A beautiful evening on their deck and yard included 3 varieties of famous Plainwell Ice Cream and a wine assortment including the best of Michigan wineries. After ice cream a sudden downpour chased everyone inside but provided a free carwash for the Pierce-Arrows parked out in Mahan's front yard. The rain was brief but hard enough to flood the streets for a short time. P-A ground clearance proved an advantage over modern cars.

**Welcoming Feast****Mike Bolitho****Ken Muellner****Jim Hycner****Bob DiDomenico****Arnold Romberg & Alice Wood****Denise Depper****Elissa Brody****Dave Stevens and Dave Barclay****Herbert Tull****Don Lang and Gayle Haponik****The Malones****The Akins****The Coles**



Kent Haberle



Merlin Smith



Wilma Hunter



The Millers



The Smothers



Greg Long



Greg Long's '25 Series 80 PAS Museum's '31 Model 41



Heavy Rains Flooded the Street



The Stevens' '33 Model 1247 and '36 Model 1601



The Barthels' '36 1601 Wilma Hunter's '31 Model 42



The Petersons' '37 Model 1702



Greg Long's '32 Model 54



The Foremans' '30 Model A

Friday's 103 mile tour on quiet scenic back roads toward Holland, MI on the Lake Michigan coast began with much nicer weather. Our first destination was the VerHage family's private Mopar Museum. The collection features Chryslers from the 1930's through to the 21st century Viper with their primary emphasis being the muscle car era.



The Crew is all Set to Go!



1938 Plymouth



Jane Barclay



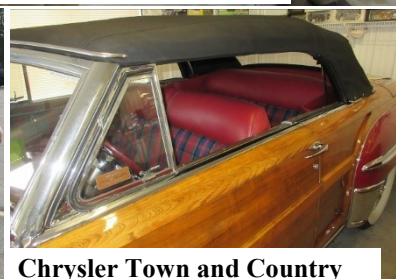
It must have been a good joke!



Don Lang backs his '31 into his Spot



Car Doctors are on Duty



Chrysler Town and Country



Don Lang's Spotless Engine

Then it was on to the shore of Lake Macatawa to board the Holland Princess sidewheeler for a buffet luncheon and cruise out into Lake Michigan. The food was great and everyone enjoyed the scenery. Our Captain pointed out significant features and homes along the way. Unfortunately the temperature pushed the 90 degree level so many chose the air conditioning on the lower deck rather than the sunny upper deck.



Charlie and Ginny Moore



The Matsons



Greg Long and Ken Sockrider



The Robersons



The Barclays



The Jidovs



The Barthels



The Akins



The Petersons



The Smothers



The Smiths



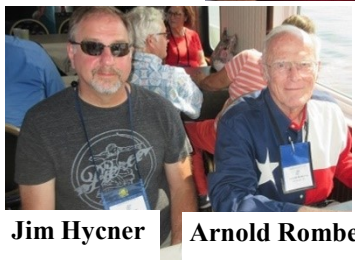
Don Lang and Gayle Haponik



The Coles



The Malones



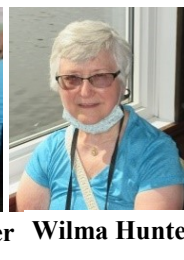
Jim Hycner



Arnold Romberg and Alice Wood



Kent Haberle



Ken Muellner



Wilma Hunter



Jeff Moore & Cindy Thurman



The Deppers



The Millers



Herb Tull and Elissa Brody



Bob DiDomenico



The Foremans and the Barretts



Stuart and Clara Blair



Lake Michigan



The next stop was at the Nelis Dutch Village where we could step back into the Netherlands of 150 years ago. Traditional displays and demonstrations were entertaining. Some members even took the Dutch Dancing class, but minus the traditional wooden shoes worn by the Village dancers. Two optional ice cream spots were included in the directions back to the hotel. One featured Sherman's, 2nd best to Plainwell Ice Cream.

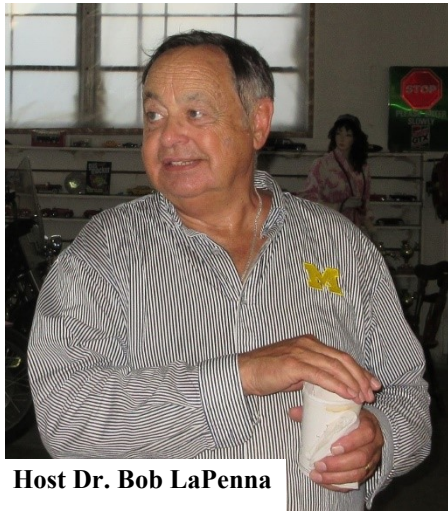


Our Friday dinner was at the Club Car Grille a short drive from the hotel. Their front façade is an actual railway Club Car, but we had a private room in the back. The food and staff were awesome and we'll keep this as an option in future years. As a bonus, No Ethanol gas was available a short distance back on the return route.



The Saturday tour of 92 miles was mostly on scenic back roads with lake and rivers, but included going through downtown Kalamazoo with road construction and lots of traffic lights. Our first destination was worth that hassle and then some. Dr. Bob LaPenna opened his large eclectic collection of post-war cars located in the former Kalamazoo bus garage and a huge selection of delicious donuts accompanied the coffee. It was more than enough to compensate for those darn stoplights. South of Kalamazoo we were back on the country roads and enjoyed the low traffic scenic route again.





Host Dr. Bob LaPenna



The Matson and Wilma Hunter



1950 Buick Woodie



**GREEN TOP
WEST HAMPTON BEACH**



Greg Long & John Mahan



Cab Fare to Chicago?



Edsel



Bob DiDomenico & Joanne Cole



Jaguar XJ-S



Alice Wood Don Lang & Ginny Moore

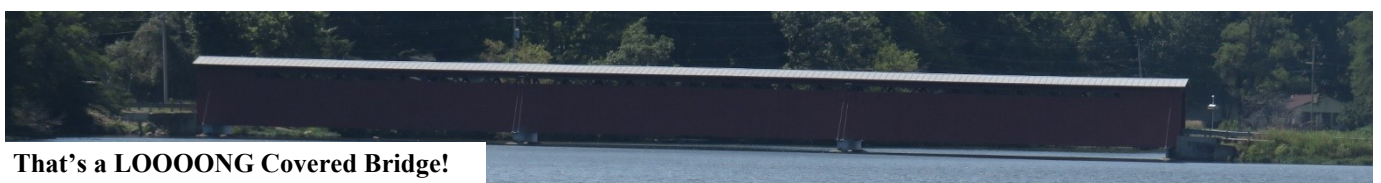


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Enjoying the Donuts!

Our next destination was the Langley Covered Bridge. This 282 foot bridge was built in 1887 to cross the St. Joseph River between Centerville and Three Rivers. We first stopped at the 'Farm Park' for a view from the NE, then crossed through the bridge to 'Covered Bridge Park' by the historic 1909 Sturgis Dam where the bridge could be viewed from the SW perspective. After a beautiful drive along the river we enjoyed a great 'happy' buffet luncheon at "Cheers Two".



That's a LOOOONG Covered Bridge!



Three Views of Dave Stevens passing through the Langley Covered Bridge



Lunch at Cheers Two



Pierce-Arrows at the Lunch Stop

Our final destination was north through the country until we reached the SE corner of Kalamazoo to enjoy Mike & Nancy Howard's impressive collection of Brass Era cars. Included in the assortment of cars is the majority of the surviving Michigan brand cars. Mike has also assembled an amazing shop including every tool applicable to restoration and a paint booth. The owner of a trucking and warehouse business, he also has several large early trucks and forklifts awaiting restoration. After leaving we were soon on backroads heading back to the hotel for dinner.



Three Michigan Cars plus others



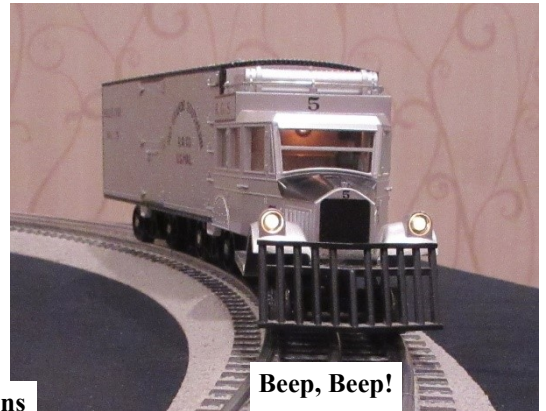
The banquet Saturday evening at the hotel was preceded by a social hour with wine and snacks. Bill Morris set up a tabletop operational model of the P-A "Galloping Goose". The buffet dinner with carved prime rib and other choices was excellent as usual. This was followed by cake and more Plainwell Ice Cream with many enjoying the opportunity for socializing with old and new P-A friends.



18 Years!



Always Elegant—The Matsons



Beep, Beep!



Plainwell Ice Cream for ALL!

Show Day at the Gilmore Car Museum opened with some clouds but soon cleared to be sunny and warm, but not quite as hot as the previous 2 days. We had 21 Pierce-Arrows displayed on the green in front of the Pierce-Arrow Museum building. We were joined by some P-A folks who had come for the Grand Opening ceremonies for our CCA Museum neighbor's new addition held the previous day. The morning was spent admiring the cars, completing the registrant judging ballots, visiting the other museums on campus and discussing Pierce-Arrows with an interested public. Curtiss & Kirsten Pool once again manned the tables selling Pierce-Arrow products to help raise funds for the Museum. Others helping throughout the Gathering were the Mahans, Barclays, Foremans, Greg Long, Ken Sockrider and Bill Morris & Wilma Hunter. Many thanks to all!

Shortly before 1 PM the Award Presentations were made with lunch following. In the later afternoon it was back to socializing, visiting museum buildings and talking Pierce-Arrow. Most of the members took some time to go through the rest of the Museums located on the Gilmore Campus. Our neighbors include CCCA, Cadillac-LaSalle, Lincoln, Franklin, Model A and several Gilmore buildings. More than 400 vehicles are on display with changes occurring every year. This is a heaven for vintage car enthusiasts. Bill Morris, Dave Barclay and Dave Stevens gave interested people Pierce-Arrow rides around the extensive road system on the Gilmore campus. Eventually it was time to say goodbye, pack up and look forward to next year and Pierce-Arrow Society FUN!.

2021 AWARDS

Class 1 - 1901 to 1930	1 st Place - 1923 Model 33 Runabout	Dave & Jane Barclay
	2 nd Place - 1930 Model A EDL	Roy & Martha Foreman
	3 rd Place - 1926 Model 80 Town Car	Greg Long
Class 2 - 1931 to 1932	1 st Place - 1931 Model 42 Sport Phaeton	Don Lang & Gayle Haponik
	2 nd Place - 1932 Model 54 Roadster	Merlin & Jane Smith
	3 rd Place - 1932 Model 54 Sport Phaeton	Terry & Rita Ernest
Class 3 - 1933 to 1937	1 st Place - 1933 Model 1236 Brougham	Greg Thomas
	2 nd Place - 1936 Model 1601 5 P Sedan	Lee & Floy Barthel
	3 rd Place - 1937 Model 1702 7 P Sedan	Eric & Chris Peterson
Harris Award	1931 Model 42 Sport Phaeton	Don Lang & Gayle Haponik
Director's Award	1923 Model 33 Runabout	Dave & Jane Barclay

Reserve the DATE! 19th Annual PAS Gathering at Gilmore - August 24-27, 2022





Director's Award
1923 Series 33 Runabout
Dave and Jane Barclay



Class One--First Place
1923 Series 33 Runabout
Dave and Jane Barclay



Dexter voted for this car, too!



Class One--Second Place
1930 Model A EDL
Roy and Martha Foreman



Class One--Third Place
1926 Series 80 Town Car
Greg Long & Ken Sockrider





Class Two--First Place
1931 Model 42 Phaeton
Don Lang & Gayle Haponik



Class Two--Second Place
1932 Model 54 Conv Cpe
Merlin and Jane Smith

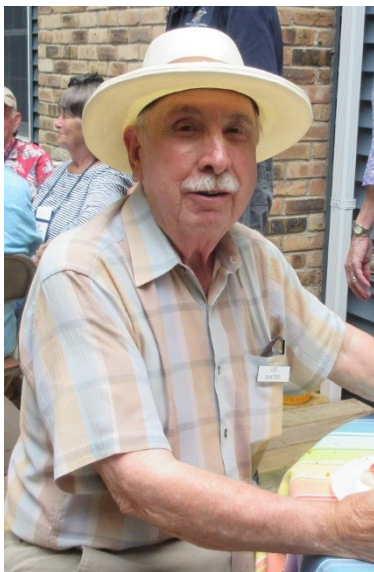


Class Two--Third Place
1932 Model 54 Touring
Terry and Rita Ernest

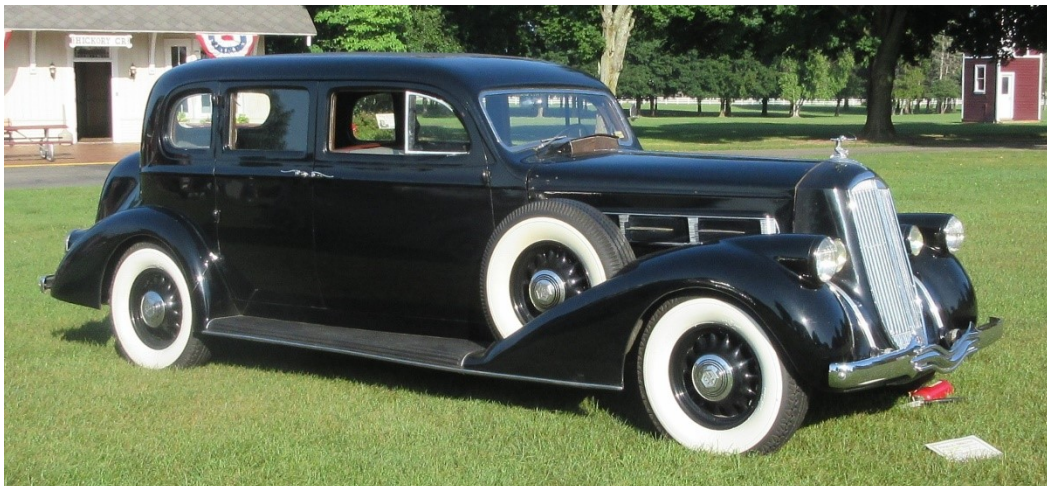


Class Three--First Place
1933 1236 Club Brougham
Gregory Thomas

PIERCE-ARROW



Class Three--Second Place
1936 1601 Sedan
Lee and Floy Barthel



Class Three--Third Place
1937 1702 7P Sedan
Eric and Chris Peterson



Greg Long's '25 Series 80 7P Touring



Jim Hycner's '27 Series 80 Sedan



PAS Museum 1927 Series 80 Wilson Body Coupe



The car above is a 1927 Series 36 7P Sedan. It was donated to the Museum three years ago and was put on sale at the Gathering. It sold and the proceeds will benefit the Museum.



PAS Museum '31 Model 41 EDL



Jon Reus's 31 Model 43 Coupe



Dan Gernatt's '31 Model 42 Dual Cowl Phaeton



Wilma Hunter's '31 Model 42 5P Sedan



Greg Long's '32 Model 54 Convertible Coupe



Dave Stevens' 1933 1247 EDL



Dave Stevens '36 1601 Sedan



PAS Museum '37 1702 7P Sedan



Curtiss and Kirsten Pool Managed the PAS Museum Merchandise Quite Well!

2021 Great Lakes Region Pierce-Arrow Calendar *All Events & Dates subject to Covid Cancellation*

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

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