

THE GREAT LAKES ARCHER



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



1931 Model 42 5P Sedan

Happy Holidays!

From the Great Lakes Region to you!

A View From the Rumbleseat:

by Bill Morris, Editor

This issue is our Holiday Issue. We've put our '31 decorated in Holiday regalia and we'll be running a series of articles describing the preparations made and the drive to and from the Annual Meet in Glens Falls, NY.

Welcome New Members:

Brett Lohman	935 S Oakwood Ave	Geneseo, IL 61254
Allen Rohrstaff	5390 Clato St.	Kalamazoo, MI 49004
Mary Seelhorst	310 E Cross St.	Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Following the Arrow Winter 2023

Stuart Blair, GLR Director

Spring Fling 2024 - Ypsilanti, Michigan; Please mark your Calendars for April 26-28. A full weekend of events is planned with something of interest for everyone. A special attraction will be a visit to the Automotive Heritage / Hudson Museum, our group will also visit the Michigan Firehouse Museum, Yankee Air Museum at Willow Run and the Ypsilanti Historical Museum, an Italianate mansion built in 1860. There will be good food and great company! More information follows in this Arrow.

66th Annual PAS National Meet - Kalamazoo, Michigan, August 20-25, 2024, Greg Long and Ken Sockrider's meet team now have plans well underway for an enjoyable week of new tours and venues in beautiful West Michigan. The 20th Anniversary of our Pierce-Arrow Museum at Gilmore will be celebrated during this meet along with visits to the Amazing Riddle Estate, Air-Zoo Museum, a Star of Saugatuck boat ride on Lake Michigan, car collections and driving tours and concluding with a Sunday Orphan Car Show at the Pierce-Arrow Museum. A meet flyer will be included in January's PAS publications mailing.

On behalf of the Great Lakes Region - *Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy, Prosperous New Year to You and your Family.*

Comments and recommendations are always welcome - please contact me at csblairhouse@gmail.com or (513) 340-8370 evenings before 9:00 PM EST.

See you down the road, Stu Blair, GLR Region Director

On the Road to Glens Falls

by Bill Morris

We've been asked to provide an account of our preparation and journey to this year's Annual Meet at Glens Falls, NY. We'll start with the preparation.

It is most important to remember that you'll be travelling alone and will need to carry parts to be able to make simple repairs.

Parts and Tools to carry with you

- **Ignition:** Rotor, contact point sets, condensers, distributor cap, ignition coil, complete distributor, five feet of 12 gauge wire, five feet of spark plug wire, set of spark plugs.
 - **Electrical:** Generator brushes, starter brushes, generator cutout, headlight and taillight bulbs
 - **Fuel related:** Electric fuel pump, mechanical fuel pump, complete carburetor, five feet of rubber fuel line, several small lengths of copper tubing and at least 6 fuel hose clamps, fuel filter.
 - **Mechanical:** Inner and outer wheel bearing sets, cooling fan bearing, two gallons of water, can of rust inhibitor, can of "Stop Leak", four quarts of oil, one quart of shock absorber oil, one quart of 85/140 differential oil, water pump grease, Marvel Mystery Oil, 50w oil for the cooling fan hub, sheet of gasket material and a tube of RTV sealer, wheel bearing grease, assortment of clevis pins, cotter pins.
 - **Tools:** The normal assortment of standard tools plus; grease gun, rear hub puller and hub shims, compression checker, tubing cutter, distributor point synchronizer, battery charger, half a broomstick for listening to the engine, flashlight, spark illuminator, engine crank.
- AND OF COURSE, a Pierce-Arrow Society Roster.

With all of this gathered we went for a 150 mile roundtrip drive from Woodridge to Pontiac, IL to expose potential problems with the '31. Things seemed OK until we got home and I heard the starter skip a beat while cranking. That's the first signal of a cylinder that's losing compression. Immediately I ran a compression check and got the following results:

Cylinder	Compression (PSI)
1	62
2	62
3	59
4	45
5	60
6	60
7	59
8	62

Clearly, #4 had a problem and the head would need to come off to address it. This all happened one week before our drive would begin. I quickly ordered a head gasket from Sandy's Gaskets and called Great Lakes Region member Greg Long to see if I could borrow his

Ne-Way valve seat cutters. Greg sent them to me via USPS Overnight! Here's what the first four cylinders looked like when I pulled the head.



#4 showed more heating than the others but I figured I should pull all of the valves to redress the seats. The intake valves looked fine so I just lapped them in. The exhaust valves show various amounts of heating so I carefully recut the seats and lapped in the valves. #4 took the most work but you can see the final result before I reassembled it. **TO BE CONTINUED!**



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*If you loved Cleveland's Spring Fling...you'll love Ypsilanti, too!
Mark Your Calendars, today!*

Friday afternoon, 4/26: Early Bird Tour to the Yankee Air Museum at Willow Run
Saturday morning, 4/27: Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage / Hudson Museum



Saturday after lunch, 4/27: Fire Department Museum and Ypsilanti Historical Society Museum



Saturday late afternoon, 4/27: Drive-by home of Preston Tucker of Tucker Automobile Fame, Dinner with Group

Mark Your Calendars Today! More information, Spring Fling Registration and Hotel group rate will be published in the next Archer!

2024 Great Lakes Region Pierce-Arrow Calendar

Feb 22-25 Kansas City, MO **PAS Winter Weekend** in the historic Power & Light District of Kansas City-Info in PAS mailing

April 26-27 Ypsilanti, MI **Great Lakes Region Spring Fling** Tom Barrett & Stu Blair have planned a fun-filled weekend, Bring a Pierce or a Brand "X" but don't miss it!

5/31-6/4 Hickory Corners, MI **CCCA Museum Experience** at the Gilmore Car Museum. Driving Tour & Show (269) 352-9947

June 8-9 Cincinnati, OH **Cincinnati Concours** Stu Blair (513) 340-8370

July 10-14 Salem, OH **CCCA Ohio Caravan and Grand Concours**

July 13 South Bend, IN **Concours at Copshaholm** by the Studebaker Museum (574) 235-9714

June 16 Oakbrook, IL **Father's Day Show** Bill Morris (630) 469-9138

Aug 20-25 Kalamazoo, MI **66th PAS Annual Meet**
Celebrate 20th Anniversary of the Pierce-Arrow Museum at Gilmore; visits to Amazing Riddle Estate, Air-Zoo, a Star of Saugatuck boat ride on Lake Michigan, car collections and driving tours, great food and Sunday Orphan Car Show at the Pierce-Arrow Museum. Host Hotel is **Delta Hotel by Marriott (269) 375-6000**
More information & registration in January PAS Mailing

Sept TBA Dearborn, MI **Old Car Festival at Greenfield Village**
Henry Ford Museum's long running annual show will feature 1919-1932 cars on Sat. and 1896-1919 cars on Sunday. Info at www.thehenryford.org/participants

Sept TBA Detroit, MI **Detroit Concours of America**

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Call your area Coordinator or Dave Stevens with any event ideas or events to add

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