

# THE GREAT LAKES ARCHER



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



This is only part of the group that came to Cleveland to participate in the Great Lakes Region "Spring Fling".

Read on to see what we were up to!

## **A View From the Rumbleseat:**

by Bill Morris, Editor

This issue is dedicated to reporting on the great Spring Fling tour that we had in Cleveland, Ohio.

On a personal note we were preparing our '31 for driving it to the Annual Meet at Glens Falls when I discovered that one cylinder had 25% less compression than the others! That called for an immediate valve job which we completed on June 8 with help from Greg Long and a local car guy and our departure date is the 17th! See you at the meet.

## **Welcome New Members:**

**Ron Bartel 6415 Schultz Road Harvard, IL 60033**

**Philip Hines and Robin Core 12564 Pine Ridge Dr. Carleton, MI 48117**

**Dennis and Michele Spillane 700 Spartan Shores Blvd. Elk Rapids, MI 49629**

**Amy and Buddy Wiegelman 1105 Pine Street Fox River Grove, IL 60021**

## **Following the Arrow Summer 2023**

Stuart Blair, GLR Director

Cleveland Spring Fling – Over the weekend of May 5 - 7, Tom and Joan Barrett hosted twenty-three intrepid automobilists for a reception at their home and an automotive history tour of Cleveland. We had both perfect weather plus a number of Pierce-Arrows on-tour; a great time was had by all who attended. Please see the event write-up with photos in this issue.

This August is the 20th anniversary of Dave and Diana Stevens' "Patented" Gathering at Gilmore, to be held during the long weekend of August 24-27, 2023, at the Comfort Inn in Plainwell, Michigan. Dave and Diana have planned new great driving tours, sightseeing, car collections and ice cream! Twenty Years! Please see the GAG registration with hotel information in this issue.

Next year, our Great Lakes Region will host the 66th annual PAS National Meet in Kalamazoo, August 20-25, 2024. Greg Long's and Ken Sockrider's Meet Team now have plans well underway for an enjoyable week of new tours and venues in beautiful West Michigan.

Our PAS events are attended by great and friendly people – PAS members! If you don't have a Pierce-Arrow or if it's all apart in the garage - plan on attending anyway – "PAS People" make these meets enjoyable; the old cars are fun, too!

Comments and recommendations are always welcome – please contact me at [csblair-house@gmail.com](mailto:csblair-house@gmail.com) or (513) 340-8370 evenings before 9:00 PM EST; see you down the road in 2023!

With best regards, Stu Blair, GLR Region Director

## Spring Fling – 2023

By Bill Morris

The Great Lakes Region enjoyed a tremendous “Spring Fling”, May 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> as the guests of Tom and Joan Barrett in Lakewood, Ohio. Tom compiled an extensive history of Cleveland automobile manufacturers and guided us through driving tours to see many of them. Twenty three members, spouses and friends attended some or all of the activities and they also brought seven Pierce-Arrows!

The weekend began with a welcoming party at the Barretts’ fine home right on Lake Erie. Tom and Joan have an outstanding collection of American clocks which were on full display for our enjoyment. They also have an antique steam launch which was tethered in their Lake Erie harbor slip at the back of their home.



Clocks and more clocks!



Jon Reus

Mark McGraw



Tom’s steam launch



Greg Long

Norm Cangey



Tom Barrett’s ’30 Model B Coupe

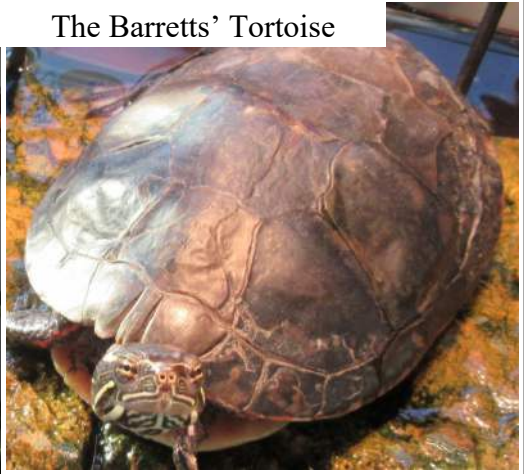


Norm Cangey’s ’30 Model B Club Sedan





Martha and Roy Foreman



The Barretts' Tortoise

Our first stop on the Saturday tour was at the Templar factory building. Templars were assembled in Cleveland from 1918 to 1925 and we saw on display what is the largest collection of Templars (10) owned by Dave Buehler.

Templar was unique because of its association with the Masonic Temple. All of the officers in the company were Masons and there were Masonic symbols built into the cars.



Dave Buehler



Sugar Stevens



June Cangey & Chris Peterson



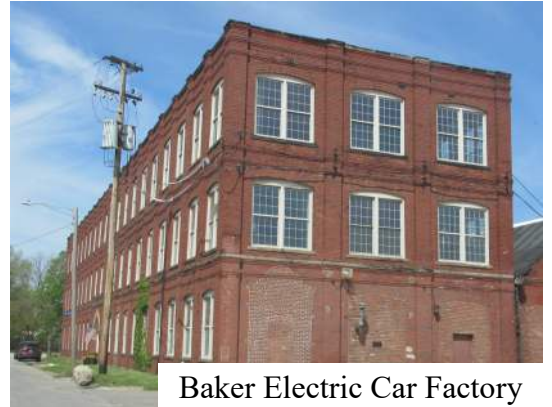
Dr. Greg Long



Continuing around the west side of Cleveland we drove by two Winton plants, Leon Rubay's custom body factory and the Baker Electric Car factory.



Leon Rubay Factory



Baker Electric Car Factory

We had a fine lunch at "The Harp" Irish restaurant right on Lake Erie.



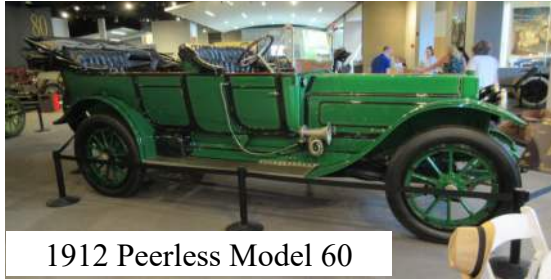
After lunch we toured downtown Cleveland and wound up at Lake Erie's shoreline between Cleveland Stadium (where the Browns play football) and the "William G. Mather" which is the restored 1925 steam turbine lake freighter. Several of the group took the one hour tour!



Host Tom on the Bridge



Following the ship tour we motored through the east side of Cleveland and arrived at the Crawford Auto-Aviation Museum at the Western Reserve Historical Society. There we saw a fascinating collection of cars manufactured in Cleveland including Peerless, Jordan, White, Baker Electric, Rauch & Lang Electric, Templar, Winton, Stearns-Knight, Chandler, Royal Tourist and Rubay. In total there were 80 different trucks or cars manufactured in Cleveland. Many of these were in the early infancy of the automobile before Detroit became the center of the US automotive world.



1912 Peerless Model 60



1902 Pierce



1932 Peerless V-16



1912 Pierce-Arrow 36



Jordan House Car



Rauch & Lang Electric

On our drive back to the motel we passed the Fred P. Brand Motor Co. building which has the Pierce-Arrow logo built into the building walls!



The last order of business on Saturday was DINNER at Harry's Steakhouse

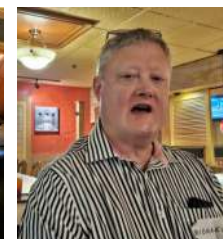


Harry's



Norm

June



Michael



Wilma

Bill





Tom and Joan



Deedee Ken



Chris Eric



Mary Cal



Greg, Dave and Jon



Mark



Stuart



David Schultz

Sunday morning we drove through the Cuyahoga National Park alongside the historic Ohio and Erie Canal on the way to Harwood Motors where we were hosted by Matt and Melanie Harwood plus coffee and donuts.



Eric Peterson's latest amalgamation with a Pierce body



Matt and Melanie Harwood



I would like to extend a 'Thank You' to Tom & Joan Barrett for the fun Spring Fling. It was well planned, their fine collection of Early American Clocks & hospitality. The pamphlet they compiled is really great with all the automotive history. And all the touring & camaraderie was super also.

Norman & June Cangey

Editor's note: We agree wholeheartedly, especially to Joan who was the real trooper through it all.

# **2023 Great Lakes Region Pierce-Arrow Calendar**

**June 10-11** Cincinnati, OH

**June 18** Oakbrook, IL

**June 19-24** Glen Falls, NY

**July 8** South Bend, IN

**Aug 24-27** Hickory Corners, MI

**Sept 9-10** Dearborn, MI

**Sept 23** Detroit, MI

**Ault Park Concours** Stu Blair 513-340-8370

**CCCA Father's Day Show** Join other Chicago area PAS members. Bill Morris (630)469-9138

**PAS Annual Meet** in beautiful upstate New York Saratoga racetrack, boat ride on Lake George, the Saratoga National Historical park & Pierce-Arrow vehicles and friends. Bob Dluhy (401) 477-6129

**Concours at Copshaholm** by the Studebaker Museum. Pat Slebonick (574)235-9714

**20<sup>th</sup> Annual PAS Gathering at Gilmore**

Two tour days & a Sunday Show at the Pierce-Arrow Museum for PAS Members & Guests. Host Hotel is the **Comfort Inn** in Plainwell – (269) 685-9891 \$127-\$148 Group Rate. Fun tours, great scenery, car collections and good food. New & Old favorite venues, but always something new. Room block to July 29 available. Registration form is ATTACHED (p9). Questions, call Dave at (231) 740-3610 anytime.

**Old Car Festival at Greenfield Village**

Henry Ford Museum's long running annual show will feature 1919-1932 cars on Sat. and 1896 to 1919 cars on Sunday. Info at [www.thehenryford.org/participants](http://www.thehenryford.org/participants)

**Detroit Concours**—Detroit Center of the Arts

**Make your plans now for the closest in years for us!**

**August 19-25, 2024**

**PAS ANNUAL MEET** Kalamazoo, MI

**Tours, Private Collections, Lakes & more**

**Show at the Pierce-Arrow Museum @ Gilmore**

**GREAT LAKES REGION DIRECTOR – Stu Blair (513) 340-8370**

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

**ILLINOIS-WI** Bill Morris - (630) 469-9138

**INDIANA** Roy Foreman - (219) 942-8138

**MICHIGAN** Curtiss Pool - (248) 585-5805

**OHIO** Tom Barrett – (440) 331-3300

**ONT.** Ralph McKittrick-(416)281-4422

**Activities** Dave Stevens (231) 740-3610



# Gathering at Gilmore Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Partner Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Children (under 18) Names & Ages \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adult Children or Guests + Names & Home City, State \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Estimated Date and Time of Arrival \_\_\_\_\_ at Comfort Inn? \_\_\_\_\_ At Gilmore? \_\_\_\_\_

## Event Fees

<b>PAS Member Registrant &amp; Spouse/Partner Registration Fee</b>		<b>\$ <u>60.00</u></b>
Children under the age of 18	Number _____ No Charge	
<b>Adult Children or Guest Registrations</b>	Number _____ x \$30.00 Ea.	\$ _____
<b>Late registration charge if after July 31</b>	Number _____ x \$15.00 Ea.	\$ _____
 <b><u>Thursday Ice Cream Social at Mahan's</u></b>		<b>\$ <u>Included</u></b>
	Number _____ No Charge	
 <b><u>Friday TOUR &amp; Lunch</u></b>		
	Number _____ x \$40.00 Ea.	\$ _____
Children over 5 & under 16	Number _____ x \$12.00 Ea.	\$ _____
 <b><u>Friday Dinner at Club Car Grille</u></b>		
	Number _____ x \$30.00 Ea.	\$ _____
Children over 5 & under 16	Number _____ x \$12.00 Ea.	\$ _____
Select Choices & Quantity: Perch Fry _____ Fried Chicken _____ BBQ Ribs _____		
 <b><u>Saturday TOUR &amp; Lunch</u></b>		
	Number _____ x \$45.00 Ea.	\$ _____
Children over 5 & under 16	Number _____ x \$12.00 Ea.	\$ _____
 <b><u>Saturday Banquet at Comfort Inn</u></b>		
	Number _____ x \$55.00 Ea.	\$ _____
Children over 5 & under 16	Number _____ x \$16.00 Ea.	\$ _____
 <b><u>Sunday Show Awards &amp; Lunch at Gilmore</u></b>		<b>\$ <u>Included</u></b>
	Number _____ No Charge	
Select Choices & Quantity: Ham & Swiss _____ Turkey & Cheddar _____ Veggie Wrap _____		
<b>TOTAL DUE</b>		<b>\$ _____</b>

**QUESTIONS?**  
 Call Dave Stevens  
 Cell (231) 740-3610  
 email: dstevens3d@msn.com

*Please send form with check or money order payable to:*  
**PAS GATHERING AT GILMORE**  
**P. O. Box 309**  
**Whitehall, MI 49461**

It is definitely NOT necessary to bring a Pierce-Arrow to attend this event, but we encourage you to do so. If you are unable to bring a vintage car, you can either tour in a modern car or we'll try to find a Pierce ride for you. If trailering, consider placing your trailer at the Gilmore Car Museum on arrival. The Comfort Inn has limited East side trailer space so share considerately. The driving Tours Friday & Saturday will begin & end at Comfort Inn, but Sunday's activities are all at Gilmore. Please park Pierce-Arrows in our reserved P-A Car West Side parking area at Comfort Inn until Sunday AM.

**VEHICLE REGISTRATION: Car** \_\_\_\_\_ **Bicycle** \_\_\_\_\_ **Trailer** \_\_\_\_\_ **Other** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model/Series \_\_\_\_\_ Body Style \_\_\_\_\_  
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Will you drive your Pierce-Arrow to the meet? \_\_\_\_\_ Trailering? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Will you tour with your Pierce-Arrow? \_\_\_\_\_ Motorhome space needed? \_\_\_\_\_

Want secure Car/Trailer Storage at Gilmore between the Annual Meet and the Gathering?  
 YES \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please call Dave Stevens to make arrangements (231) 740-3610