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



**20th Gathering at Gilmore
Harris Award Recipient
Jon Reus
1927 Series 36 Dual Windshield 7P Touring**

A View From the Rumbleseat:

by Bill Morris, Editor

This issue is dedicated to reporting on the 20th Gathering at Gilmore. Thanks to Dave Stevens for the article and photos and to Clara Blair for her photos as well.

We made the trip to Glens Falls, New York for the Annual Meet in our '31 Model 42 Sedan. With the tours the total was 2000 miles. We had a tailwind heading east and got 11 MPG, but only got 7.5 on the trip back home into the wind. The car ran fine and we had no issues with it. We were awarded the Becker award for longest distance driven to the meet and the Parnagian 500 mile award and Second in Class from the judging.

Welcome New Members:

Kirt and Winifred Hayes 230 Northgate St. Unit 650 Lake Forest, IL 60045-5629

Shawn Miller 626 North Park Avenue Indianapolis, IN 46204

Peter Nothstein 1415 Lloyd Avenue Royal Oak, MI 48073

Russell Sampson 14534 Glendale Avenue S.E. Prior Lake, MN 55372

Chuck Schneider & Judy Graves 155 E Glass Road Ortonville, MI 48462

Following the Arrow Fall 2023

Stuart Blair, GLR Director

Gathering at Gilmore - this year's 20th annual GAG was again a great success with more than 53 PAS members, families, and friends and 16 cars in attendance representing 13 States and 1 Province. Dave and Diana Stevens kept everyone well entertained, well-traveled and well-fed. Our group enjoyed 2 days of 100+ mile tours to interesting destinations along with sunny weather. Many new attendees and cars were also present this year; an enjoyable time was had by all. Bill Morris has prepared a full GAG write-up with photos for this Arrow.

Next August, our Great Lakes Region will host the 66th annual PAS National Meet in Kalamazoo, Michigan, August 20-25, 2024, during which the 20th anniversary of our Pierce-Arrow Museum will be celebrated. 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.

Spring Fling 2024 - Ypsilanti, Michigan, May, 2024 - more details will follow in the next Arrow. 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 or (513) 340-8370 evenings before 9:00 PM EST; see you down the road.

Best regards, Stu Blair, GLR Region

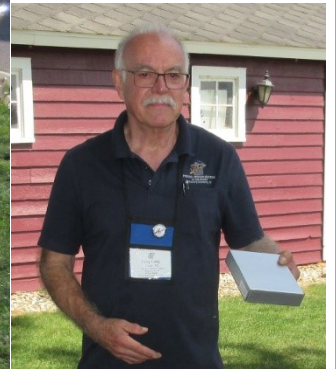
**Class 1 1st Place and
Harris Award**

**Jon Reus
1927 Series 36
7 Passenger Touring**



Class 1 2nd Place

**Greg Long
1928 Series 81
Runabout**



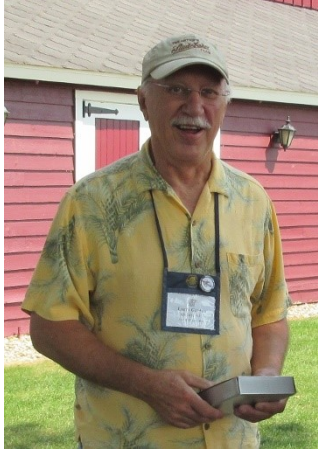
Class 1 3rd Place

**Bob Reenders
1911 48-SS
7 Passenger Touring**



Class 2 1st Place

**Larry Gardon
1929 133
Club Brougham**



Class 2 2nd Place

**Merlyn Smith
1932 Model 54
Conv. Coupe**



Class 2 3rd Place

**Roy Foreman
1930 Model A
Encl. Dr. Limousine**



Class 3 1st Place

**Cal Dyke
1934 836A
4 Door Sedan**



Class 3 2nd Place

**Greg Thomas
1933 1236
Club Brougham**



Director's Award

**Amos Roleau
1937 Travelodge
Model B**



PIERCE-ARROW

Additional Pierce-Arrows attending the Gathering



Left:
Greg Long's
1925 Ser. 80
7P Touring



Right:
Randy
Roberson's
1927 Ser. 80
5P Sedan



Left:
Jon Reus'
1931 Mod 43
7P Touring



Right:
Greg Long's
1932 Mod 54
Conv. Coupe



Left:
Dave
Stevens'
1933 Mod
1247 EDL



Right:
Dave
Stevens'
1936 1601
5P Sedan

Right:
Pierce-Arrow
Foundation
1937
1702 7P Sedan

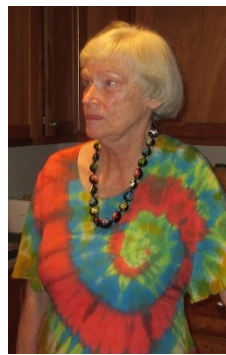
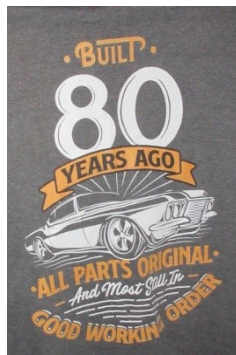


2023 Pierce-Arrow Gathering at Gilmore

By Dave Stevens

The 20th Annual Pierce-Arrow Society Gathering at Gilmore was enjoyed by members from around the country and Canada. Vermont to California, Georgia to Montana, Ontario to Louisiana. But oddly some of our regulars in the Great Lakes Region didn't make it for a variety of reasons, so the number of Pierce-Arrows was way down from normal. Fortunately that didn't seem to have any effect on the amount of fun everyone enjoyed.

Events opened Thursday evening with delicious Plainwell Ice Cream and other tasty treats at the Mahan's home near the hotel. With temperatures in the mid 90's for the preceding days there was nobody outside on the deck and there was dread for a hot weekend which didn't happen.



Our newly minted octogenarians!

John's cool shirt as Marsha looks on

Ice cream servers Kyle Robinson & Hannah Bowerman



Camille and Kirby Jefferson

Frank Jackson

Cal Dyke

Mary Dyke and Rachel Laskowski



Ken Sockrider

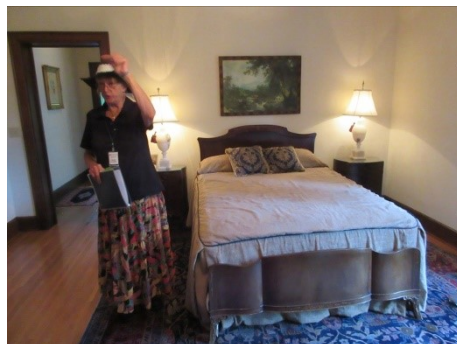
Greg Long and Merlin Smith

Clara Blair poses with 1934 840A

To the relief of our tourists, Friday morning brought an early morning occasional light mist and temperatures in the low 70's. The sun came out, but stayed pleasantly cool.

We headed East and did a scenic circumnavigation of Gull Lake before stopping at the beautiful historic landmark W.K Kellogg Manor House and Gardens. This was the Kellogg family's "summer cottage" where they escaped from nearby Battle Creek...known as "Cereal City". The large home and expansive grounds on Gull Lake are now owned by Michigan State University and their Kellogg Biological Station is also located on the grounds. After guided tours of the house and wandering the gardens we headed North to lunch.

The lovely back roads through the huge Yankee Springs Recreation Area took us to our luncheon at the Bay Pointe Inn on Gun Lake. The food was delicious and the waterfront views were beautiful.



Seven panel windows were a Kellogg hallmark.



All bathrooms have amazing ceiling tiles!



The lakefront landing.



Frank and Rachel Laskowski



Greg Long

Jon Reus



Duane Wesche

Michael Bolitho



Dave and Diana Stevens

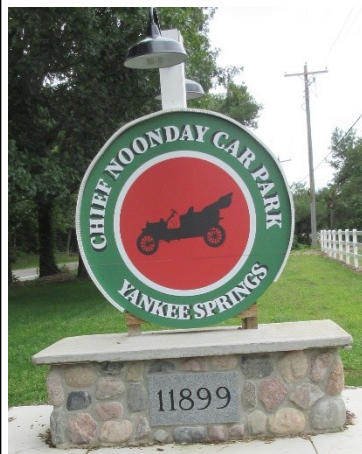


Wedding setup with Gun Lake in background



Rich Lange enjoys the view

After lunch we began a circumnavigation of Gun Lake. This large lake contains several islands and is surrounded by over 25 miles of shoreline. On the North end of the lake we stopped at the Chief Noonday Car Park. This unique collector car facility provides storage and maintenance facilities with meeting rooms and even overnight accommodations for its clients. After completing the drive around the lake we headed back southwest to our hotel.



He's a Cole nut!



A PINK Metropolitan!

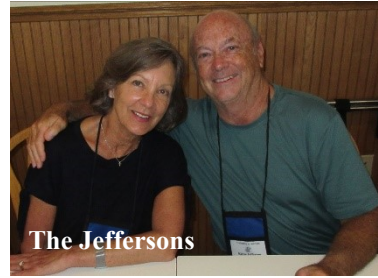


A COLE 8 Town Car

Friday's Dinner leisurely was at the nearby Club Car Grille. We enjoyed delicious Perch, Fried Chicken and BBQ Ribs plus homemade pies and time to chat with new and old friends.



The Pools



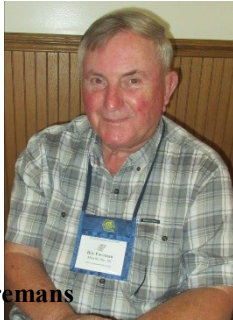
The Jeffersons



The Gardons



The Foremans



The Smiths



The Smothers



The Matsons



Greg Long Ken Sockrider



The Hycners

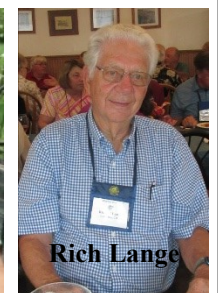


The Laskowskis



Jon Reus

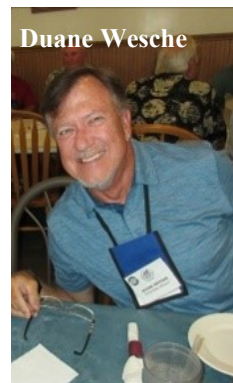
Mark McGaw



Rich Lange



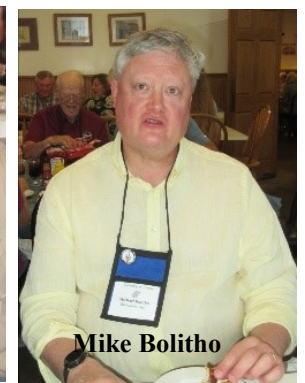
The Stevens



Duane Wesche



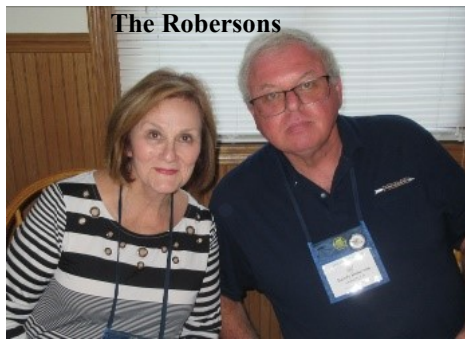
The Krouches



Mike Bolitho



The Hornes



The Robersons



The Blairs



The Thomases



The Jacksons



The Morrises

Saturday we went East toward South Haven on Lake Michigan. A coffee stop at an Amish store was accompanied by delicious homemade donuts. After driving along the lakeshore and river, our next stop was the Michigan Maritime Museum. This beautiful new large facility contains an excellent historical presentation on Great Lakes maritime history. The grounds and waterfront display many historic watercraft. Lunch was up the river a few blocks at the Moose Lodge. Nobody left hungry!



Coffee Stop



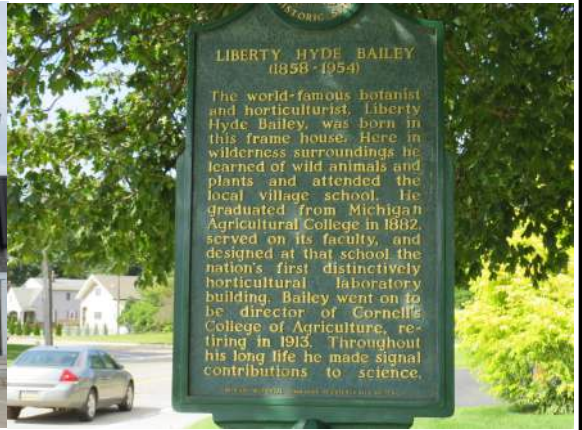
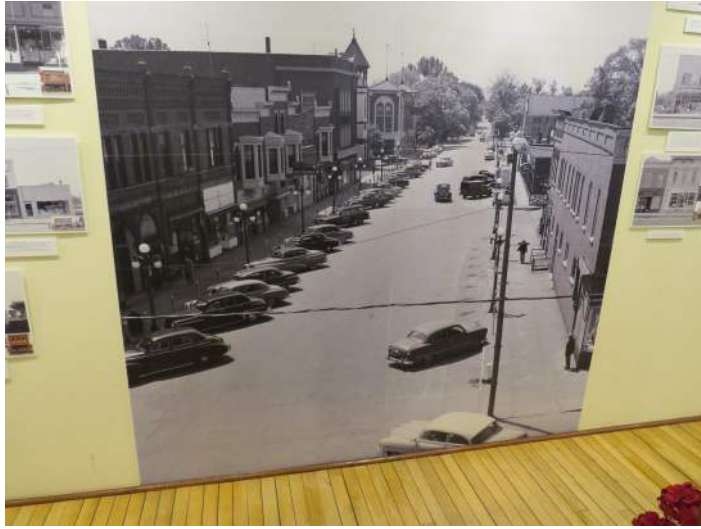
A Pierce-Arrow can Draw a crowd anywhere



Editor's note: Frank and Rachel Laskowski along with Deedee Stevens booked a tour on the sailing sloop "Friends Good Will" and the boat actually went out on the lake! We are so jealous!



After lunch we stopped briefly at the Historical Association of South Haven. They have a large display of old photos of downtown South Haven that was filled with vintage cars that brought back many memories for our more mature attendees. Next we went downtown to peruse the many shops, winery outlets or visit the Center for the Arts. Before heading out of town along the waterfront some stopped for photos in front of the first hotel in town recently acquired by the Historical Association.



After leaving the waterfront we stopped at the Liberty Hyde Bailey Home & Gardens. We learned a bit about this noted educator known as the Father of Modern Horticulture.



The Saturday evening Social Hour with Wine and the Banquet was at the Comfort Inn. Good food, good company and more Plainwell Ice Cream was enjoyed by all.



The Buffet

The Gardons



The Jacksons

The Jeffersons

The Hycners

Mark McGaw Jon Reus



Amos Roleau and Christine Wiberg

The Smothers

Duane Wesche

Mark Thomas



Michele Clifton Steve Tomaszewski

Cocktail Hour



Rich Lange

Stu Blair

Greg Thomas

Sunday morning was bright & sunny as Bill Morris organized the show field. Registrants then began vehicle evaluations and circulated around the many museum buildings on the huge Gilmore Car Museum grounds. In the afternoon attendees gathered for Awards and box lunches. After lunch we began Pierce-Arrow 'Ride & Drive' experiences for members and the public on the extensive roads on the museum grounds. A marvelous day was enjoyed by all.



Kirsten Pool sells the merchandise



Travelodge Interior



Riders Michele and Steve



AWARD WINNERS

Class 1 - 1911 to 1928	1 st Place	Jon Reus	1927 36	7 psg. Touring
	2 nd Place	Greg Long	1928 81	Roadster
	3 rd Place	Bob Reenders	1911 48-SS	7 Psg. Touring
Class 2 - 1929 to 1932	1 st Place	Merlin & Jane Smith	1932 54	Roadster
	2 nd Place	Larry & Patricia Gardon	1929 133	Club Brougham
	3 rd Place	Roy & Martha Foreman	1930 A	ED Limousine
Class 3 - 1933-1936	1 st Place	Calvin & Mary Dyke	1934 836A	4 Door Sedan
	2 nd Place	Greg Thomas	1933 1236	Club Brougham
HARRIS Award		Jon Reus	1927 36	7 Psg. Touring
Director Award		Amos Roleau & Christine Wiberg	1937 Model B	Travelodge

RESERVE THE DATES August 20 through August 25, 2024

The 2024 Gathering show will be a special part of the PAS Annual Meet in Kalamazoo, MI

Great Lakes Region Exemplifies Pierce-Arrow for Grand Classic by Stu Blair

Our GLR was well represented in the recent CCCA Grand Classic held in Columbus, Indiana, July 21-23, 2023. Among the 48 cars participating were 3 Pierce-Arrows - Allen Strong, Urbana, IL, 1918 Model 48 7-passenger touring; Greg Thomas, Maineville, OH, 1933 1236 Club Brougham and Stu & Clara Blair, Cincinnati, OH, 1936 1601 5 passenger sedan.

Also participating were PAS members John & Rose Gibson, Alton, IL; Lee Barthel, Northville, MI; Tim Stone, Greensburg, IN; Dan Hanlon, North Canton, OH and Shawn Miller, Indianapolis, IN. Saturday's Grand Classic show was held at Round Lake Park in historic Columbus, three sunny days with temps in the low 80's made for a perfect long weekend.



2023 Great Lakes Region Pierce-Arrow Calendar

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

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