

The Kisselgraph

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ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Kissel Kar Klub was held in August of 1989 at the Country Retreat in Hartford, Wisconsin. In attendance were museum board directors, Kissel family members and, of course, Kissel owners. A special meal was prepared for everyone which included very delicious prime rib. A few new faces were seen at the meeting, two of which were Mr. & Mrs. Pentz. They came from Pennsylvania trailering their absolutely beautifully done Kissel truck that was restored into an oil truck. The truck was definitely the 'hit' of the Old Car Show and Swap Meet. People are still talking about the high quality of restoration and how beautiful an old truck can be.

Our guest speaker was Mr. Sigurd Rudorf who talked about the heat engine. Mr. Rudorf has an extensive collection of gasoline and steam engines that are on display in the museum. He had just completed a mock-up of the Hero's engine which was the lead off for his talk. It was quite informative and interesting to have something more basic talked about which, of course, is the basic engine.

Next year, hopefully, we will again have the annual banquet meeting to coincide with the Hartford Area Chamber of Commerce's Old Car Show and Swap Meet. However, the date may change. As of this writing I am not entirely sure of when, or if, the date is going to change. I've only heard rumors.

MUSEUM HELP

It is the time of year when we would like to ask that you consider the Hartford Heritage Auto Museum/Kissel Kar Klub as a recipient of your end of year giving. The Kissel Kar Klub,

while their expenses are not high, does have some expenses. The museum, of course, by having Kissels on display and promoting Kissel as much as we can hopefully has increased the value of your car and has encouraged you to do further work and upgrading on your vehicles. So again we would ask that you would please consider us as a donor recipient.

RECORDS NEED UPDATE

The task of keeping records of Kissel Kar Klub members is a never ending one. There are constant changes in addresses and ownership. We're always finding more cars and, unfortunately due to auctions and other sales, losing cars. Would you kindly take the time to simply tell us what Kissels you have and their serial and engine numbers so that we can update our files. Just fill in the information on the enclosed sheet and mail it back in the enclosed envelope.

LOST AND FOUND

The Auto Museum has a couple fewer Kissels on display. Recently Henry Schwister sold his speedster to a party in Florida who I see now has it for sale. Earl Young, from Illinois, has picked up his 1914 Kissel. Mr. Young has had the car in the museum for almost as long as he has owned it and I guess we really can't quibble about his desire to drive it. It sure was a pleasure to have it here! Now, if there are a few of you that may have Kissels that you're not using, please feel free to contact us. We would love to have them on display. At the present time we have eleven and the more, the merrier. Recently, a Mr. Cook, from Kansas City, donated to us an unrestored Kissel truck. It will be several years before we will be able to restore this unit. Alvin Kieft, from Michigan, has sold his enclosed speedster which was not completely restored to Delyle Beyer. It is an 8-75 which is a desirable enclosed speedster model. It is my understanding that Mr. Beyer is looking for the proper vaccum tank for it. In addition, Mr. Spence, in Arizona, has been diligently working at his 6-32. Allot of effort has been put forth in his restoration and he has been able to find several parts cars that we did not know were available. Last I heard a Kissel semi-racer is being restored and may be running the Great American Race.

That pretty well rounds out this short newsletter.

Hope that you all have a wonderful 'Holiday Season'!

