



Bow Tie

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Director's Notes

“Christmas comes but once a year” and once again this year’s Christmas brought great food and friends to our party. Our gathering would not be complete without a visit from Santa Claus who arrived just in time to entertain the kids. We are all thankful for gifts of the season but I was especially thankful for a full Board going into the new year.

We now have the Banquet to look forward to. It is always enjoyable to look back over the year’s events and activities while enjoying good food and good company. Don’t forget this is an opportunity to remember experiences that other may sooner forget with the awarding of gag gifts which is always done in good fun.

If you still have not renewed your membership, please do so soon. By the time you receive this newsletter, it already will be 2013!

Your director, *John Horvath*

CHRISTMAS PARTY RECAP

Once again our members did not disappoint us. There was a wide variety of dishes and desserts to taste and I do not think anybody went away hungry.

A **HUGE** thank you goes out to those that assisted in the kitchen preparing and serving our bountiful feast.

Both the children and adults were amused by a visit from Santa Claus himself. He listened intently to all that sat on his lap as they expressed their holiday wishes to him.

Lastly a thank you also goes out to all that assisted with filling the room with holiday cheer. Whether it was helping with decorations or reaching out to talk to some of our fellow members that we do not see very often. As always, we want to make everyone feel welcome.

HAPPY★NEW★YEAR

From your Bow Tie Editors *Tom & Rita*

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

December 31st has come and gone and we welcome in 2013. **If you have not renewed your membership, this will be the last edition of the Bow Tie that you will receive.** Don't miss out on all of the activities we have planned for this year (especially those having to do with our region hosting the 37th Middle West Meet this coming June) and get your renewal in promptly.

We will once again be publishing a membership roster that is expected to be ready on January 18th so we would like to have you in it!

Thank you, Sondra

37th Middle West Meet Update

There will be a Meet meeting after the February regular meeting for all members that have volunteered and those interested in what is being planned.

- We plan to reveal the 37th Middle West Meet & Plaque Logos
- Details of the event will be given
- Registration forms will be available
- Event sign-up sheets will be offered
- Signs - Please bring a list of signs you may need for outside events and give to one of the Men OGS's.

A reminder to all: Please remember we are the host/hostesses of this meet. For those who haven't attended a meet or a reminder for everyone else:

OUR GUESTS GO FIRST

Whether it is boarding a bus or getting in line to eat, GUESTS GO FIRST. We appreciate your consideration in this matter.

A look back at



R.W. Holz left the security of working for the railroad in 1915 and started to sell Chevrolets from his three car show room. Little did he know the success his dealership would incur over the next almost 100 years. During those early times, selling cars ceased during the winter in Wisconsin and the electric railway was used in place of the automobile. The cars were winterized, or "pickling", as they use to call it. It was this process and other service work that got them through the long hard cold season.

Jerry Holz returned from WWII and worked in the service department of the dealership greasing cars and changing oil. Many of the other services he saw that were performed during that time in the 1940's were to replace broken axles, springs, mufflers, grind valves and fix tires. As time progressed, he also sold cars and often had to clean his greasy hands to assist a potential new vehicle customer. Dealer installed accessories were plentiful: rearview mirrors, clocks, windshield washers, directional signals, seat covers, wheel covers and under seat heaters.

He recalls the announcement of the new models as being a very exciting time. The basement of the dealership was used to house the new models, which they did not have many of even into the 1950's, there was only room for three on the show room floor. They would have a pre-announcement party the night before revealing the new models the next day. Then they would put out a lunch and often have a keg of beer available.

The 1960's brought the Corvair. Jerry enjoyed showing potential customers its ability to handle in the snow. 1962 saw a new building to sell cars from and later in 1988 an expansion to keep up with the times.

Many of our members may recall having preferential parking in the corner of the Holz lot each July 4th. We would arrive in the morning, enjoy a lunch provided by the dealership and late in the afternoon, participate in the Hales Corners July 4th parade. Good memories.

WI Region VCCA Calendar of Events

January	26	Annual Banquet	Charcoal Grill
February	17	Regular Meeting / Daytona Tailgate	McKinley Lodge
March	17	Regular Meeting / Auction	McKinley Lodge
April	21	Regular Meeting / Dessert & Ice Cream Social	McKinley Lodge
May	3	Cruise Night / Fish Fry	TBA
June	10 - 14	37 th Middle West Meet / Geneva Ridge Resort	Lake Geneva
June	23	Andrew Chevrolet Car Show	Glendale
July	4	4 th of July Parade	Brookfield
October	20	Meeting and Nominations	McKinley Lodge
November	17	Meeting and Election & Chili Dump	McKinley Lodge
December	8	Christmas Party	McKinley Lodge



All indoor meetings are held at McKinley Lodge. McKinley Lodge is located less than one (1) mile north of Capitol Drive on Pilgrim Road. Meetings are held at 1:30 p.m. typically on the third Sunday during the months of October, November, December, February, March and April.



January Birthdays

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1 st	<i>Kenneth Cebula</i>	25 th	<i>Ted Demming</i>
14 th	<i>Steven Carini</i>	25 th	<i>Gary Peil</i>
16 th	<i>Janet Zimmermann</i>	26 th	<i>Susanne Nicgorzski</i>
20 th	<i>Kathleen Trimberger</i>	27 th	<i>Vicki Oberdorf</i>



The deadline for the February Bow Tie will be January 25th.

Please send any information you have for this issue by then.

*Thank you,
Your Bow Tie Editors*

Swap Meet

The Model A Car Club of Wisconsin will once again be sponsoring a swap meet. It is to be held on February 24 at the Washington County Fairgrounds.