



# Bow Tie

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## Director's Notes

WOW! That describes my reaction to the entire Geneva Lake experience this past weekend. My hat is off to our Meet Committee that is putting together what promises to be the most incredible meet in VCCA history. From Geneva Ridge Resort's carefully manicured garden as you enter the resort to its picturesque landscape rolling from the balcony downward to the shores of Lake Como, the resort offers tranquil elegance throughout its sprawling building and grounds. Millies, the site of the Ladies Luncheon, is delightfully decorated with crafts and offers shops as well as delicious and reasonably priced meals. Get your reservation in soon (1-800-225-5558) to book a room for the Meet next June.

Our next event, the Tri-Tour Fall Color/Cranberry Tour, is coming up soon, Oct 5 – 7, in Wisconsin Rapids. Color reports indicate we can expect a brilliant display provided by nature. This event provides another opportunity to get together with friends and fellow members from the Viking and Packerland Regions in our "last blast" of fun for the summer. Hope to see you all there.

Looking ahead to October means a return to indoor meetings and events. I am looking for three fine individuals to replace three fine

individuals who will be retiring from our Board. I am looking for YOU! We have positions opening up for members with different talents, so why not give it a try? The Board members usually have enjoyed the experience. See you at the meeting.

Your director,

*John Horvath*

## **LUTHER MANOR'S CLASSIC CAR SHOW AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

Once again our Club was well represented at this show put on for the residents. Although it is not a big show, it has a wide variety of vehicles and it is FREE. They did accept donations if you wanted to give.

Attendees were once again treated to hot dogs, chips, drinks, cookies, ice cream, root beer floats and a slide presentation of previous shows.

## **COLUMBIA FLEECE MISSING**

A COLUMBIA FLEECE WAS LEFT AT THE BERGSTROM CAR SHOW. ANYONE KNOWING ANYTHING ABOUT THIS, PLEASE CONTACT JOANN SWANSON. THANK YOU

# The Middle West Meet Committee Report

Submitted by JoAnn Swanson

We (OGS) want to thank everyone who came to Lake Geneva, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. We feel we accomplished a great deal with the committees during our stay.

Everyone liked the facilities and they are now familiar with where everything is. We toured many of the attractions.

Lunch was at **Millies**, we got to see the rooms and where the show would be, quick tour of the shops.

**Mecum Auto Auction** – This place is like the Barrett Jackson Auction House. (Not really a tour just men looking thru the window wishing that was their car.)

**Yerkes Observatory** is an astronomical observatory operated by the University of Chicago in Williams Bay, Wisconsin. The observatory, known as "the birthplace of modern astrophysics", was founded in 1897 by George Ellery Hale and financed by Charles T. Yerkes. The Observatory has the largest refracting telescope successfully used for astronomy and has a collection of over 100,000 photographic plates.



We checked out the cruise launching area in Williams Bay. The cruise will take us around the lake to see where the rich and famous live.

Some went to Rosco Historic Auto Attractions, which boasts several unique exhibits.

Areas for photo and field entrance were selected to ponder the best site.



The guys went to Gary Esse's in Madison.

We had dinner at a local restaurant and also ate at the hotel to check out their cuisine.

Ron and Tom visited the Lake Geneva Chevy dealer who will be helping with the trophies. He is providing a barbeque/Car Show and doing radio and TV spots for the Meet as well.

Thank you again, the OGS's

# 2013 Middle West Meet – Preliminary Trip Recap

Submitted by Tom Gawronski

We had a great turn out for our preliminary trip to check out the location of the Middle West Meet which we will host next year in Lake Geneva. Some members came in on Friday and others on Saturday. JoAnn gave many of us a tour of the resort and an overview of where certain activities are planned to take place. A review of the parking lot layout and possible location for taking pictures was also done. By late Saturday morning the weather, which had been quite dreary, began to clear and we were headed to the Yerkes Observatory. The architecture of this building was phenomenal! Although we did not stay long, we did get a glimpse of some old iron while we were there. The Model A Club from Rochester was there. About 15-20 vehicles were parked on the back lawn of the observatory lined up one by one. While we were at Yerkes, others were working on routes for possible tours and some were up at Madison Classics checking this out as a possible tour site. The Yerkes group headed to Millie's for lunch, which is expected to be the location of the Ladies Luncheon. After a nice lunch, or breakfast, some headed back toward Williams Bay to check out the area from which we would expect to depart on the boat tour. Those that did not join them headed out to investigate some of the local wineries and sample their many varieties.

Shortly upon arriving back at the resort, a recap meeting was held. This was to review what we had seen and discuss and make decisions on what we need to do from here. Afterward we adjourned to our rooms to prepare for dinner which was held at the resort. We did not hear any complaints from the group with regards to the quality of their food. Prime rib and barbeque ribs seemed to be the favorites of the evening.

Stay tuned as there will be more planning meetings to take place in the near future. Before you know it, June 2013 will be right around the corner!

# Membership Renewal Time

Once again our outdoor event calendar is virtually gone and we hope that you have enjoyed participating with your fellow members. As always we look forward to you getting more involved next year starting with renewing your membership. Remember, without you and your involvement, we do not have a Club.

It is also important that you RENEW ON TIME. This makes things so much easier for our membership secretary. So please think about renewing in October or November. That way you won't have the hassle of doing it during the busy month of December.

**PLEASE read the directions carefully and complete the renewal form as follows:**

1. If there are no changes from last year's renewal, write "No Changes" on the form.
2. **GRAB YOUR MOST RECENT COPY of the Generator and Distributor magazine** (this is the magazine that comes from the National VCCA) and cut out or make a copy of the address label from the back cover. The date of expiration must show that you are a current member which means the expiration date must show a date in the future.
3. Locate the box marked "**G & D mailing label here**" on the renewal form and attach the label you removed in step 2.
4. Please return
  - **the form**
  - **a check payable to the WI Region VCCA for \$25** to the address located at the bottom of the form

**OR**

**Return the form and check** to me at one of the indoor events prior to December 31<sup>st</sup>.



**WE NEED YOUR HELP  
WITH PICTURES**

We are looking for pictures of some of our long time members. This is on the QT so don't tell any of those members listed. They will be getting a different version of the Bow Tie so won't know about this.

Bob Hensel, Bob & Rita Lemminger, Don & Evelyn Miller, Fred & Gloria Morris, Gene & Carol Schneider

*Please submit any pictures to JoAnn Swanson*

## **THE STREET CAR. GENERAL MOTORS & THE BUS**

Many think that GM was behind the demise of the trolley or street car as some liked to call them. I guess it all depends on your opinion. GM did give a great deal of money, as did Firestone, Phillips Petroleum and Standard Oil to a group called the



National City Lines. The main purpose of the NCL, as they were known, was to sway transit authorities to replace their streetcars with busses. Congress enacted a policy that prevented electric providers to subsidize the cost of power to the rail lines. The NCL and their corporate backers were sued. The defendants lost, not on trying to eliminate the trolley, but for bundling buses, tires and fuel which prevented competition. The corporations behind the NCL were fined \$5000 each and the executives \$1.

So how did GM get in the bus business? The Omnibus Corp. was a subsidiary of GM. Its president was John Hertz (the same person behind Hertz rent-a-car and Yellow Coach). For those that can remember back to the early 40's, the busses had a very unique look to them with their inward slanted windshields to eliminate sun glare. Above the standard windows were oval shaped windows for those that stood. The busses came in many sizes measuring anywhere from 23 – 43 feet. The power plants were often two-cycle with the minority being gasoline or diesel powered.

*Sondra*

Happy Halloween 2012 Happy Halloween

WI Region VCCA Calendar of Events

October	5 – 7	Tri- Tour	Wisconsin Rapids, WI
October	21	Meeting and Nominations	McKinley Lodge
November	18	Meeting and Election	McKinley Lodge
December	9	Meeting and 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.

October BOOdays

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jo Ann Swanson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Evelyn Miller
- 18<sup>th</sup> Audrey Ott
- 21<sup>st</sup> Sondra Ferguson
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Pat Horvath
- 24<sup>th</sup> Don Kaetenholz
- 25<sup>th</sup> Cynthia Meyer
- 26<sup>th</sup> Karen Denmark
- 30<sup>th</sup> Gloria Morris



*A woodland in full color is awesome as a forest fire, in magnitude at least, but a single tree is like a dancing tongue of flame to warm the heart. Hal Borland*

The deadline for the November Bow Tie will be October 26<sup>th</sup>. Please send any information you have for this issue by then.

*Thank you from your Bow Tie Editors*

White Walls

How did white walls come to be?

The earliest tires were made of white rubber. Unfortunately, this material alone was not found to be good for traction so carbon black was added to the tread. This not only improved traction but it also extended the life of the tire.

The wide white walls of the 40's and 50's were quite dressy looking but as you know, over time, white walls grew progressively smaller. It is said that the '57 Cadillac Eldorado was the first of many cars to come that sported only a 1" white wall.

Afterward white letter tires came for the sports enthusiast but those also faded with the wide white wall. New motorcycles can be seen fitted with a set of white wall tires.

Who knows, maybe they will make a comeback on cars again in the future!