



The Driving Force

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Tour Nebraska—its Time!

Months of planning and many hours spent, NRCA is close to being ready for the 24th 600 mile, two day Tour Nebraska. Word seems to be continuing to spread that this is a unique and fun event as registration numbers are very strong (250+) with about 30 days left to pre-register.

Registration deadline is May 15th—it is best to do it online, but we will accept printed forms too. No registrations will be accepted after that date.

As a quick summary, we start with our registration at the Boarders Inn and Suites in Grand Island on June 3rd—at 5:00 and **No Earlier**. Our staging area is in the same area for each morning. We have rooms blocked at two motels in the area—

those are on the website—or we can send you the numbers. There are plenty of other motels in the area.

Saturday has us going south with a break in Red Cloud and lunch at the racetrack in McCool Junction. Our theme party Saturday night is at Dinsdale's Auto dealership—theme is Island and our band is the Mod Beats. Yes—we plan to have a lip sync contest! Sunday we head north for a break in St. Paul and then lunch in Lexington. Our final ending is at the Classic Car Collection in Kearney.

A tour newsletter will be mailed to those registered shortly after May 15th with full instructions. We also will post information on the website.

SEC 75th Anniversary Celebration

NRCA is excited about helping the South East Community College in Milford celebrate their 75th year on May 7th. They are having a car show and we ask that all NRCA members show up and “make em proud” They have a very nice location for a show—plenty of room.

The day is filled with lots of activities—so many, that you will have to choose and the show is free. We have a flyer outlining the show on our website in the “Events” section. Be sure to check it out. There is no “pre registration” required either. NRCA will also be holding a board meeting during the show and all

members are invited to attend if interested.

We know that those involved in education at the tech school level work hard and really care about developing our young adults. Success means learning the skills and attaining the knowledge that leads to a good career.

There will be tours of the facilities and if you have not been to Milford we know you will be impressed. We think this is a great way to “kick off” the car show season and hope you will agree and be a part of the NRCA turn out in Milford!

“Be decisive. Right or wrong, make a decision. The road of life is paved with flat squirrels who couldn't make a decision.”
 ~Unknown~

In 1963 a young man in his 20's—Ron Saathoff from the rural Hastings area began showing his model A roadster pickup in regional shows—picking up lots of trophies. In 1968 it went in a trailer for some 48 years but has re-emerged with the help of his two 14 year old twin grandsons Adam and Aaron. We caught up with them at the World of Wheels show in Omaha and had a great conversation with Ron and his two very proud grandsons.

It was obvious the boys were excited about refurbishing the old show car which started in 2012. They helped with tear down, electrical, brakes and a lot clean up and polishing. Quite surprisingly the original interior was suitable to be reused with some minor work. Show cars of that era had lots of chrome and the King A is a great example. They must have done a good job then as it still glistens after polishing.

The major work was to the body and paint. It was stripped to bare metal (lead?) and refinished by Mike Hoskins of Hastings. Having not seen the original paint years ago while I am sure it looked great, I can't imagine it would have looked better.

So, for 5 years Ron traveled around the mid-west showing the King A. Ron said his most appreciated trophy was “Best Engineered” presented to him by the Ford Motor Company. We encouraged Ron, Aaron and Adam to bring the vehicle to Milford on May 7th to help them celebrate their 75th Anniversary.



The King A team—Adam, Ron and Aaron

Just a few facts about us.

Nebraska Rod and Custom Association or NRCA—is as our name says an association. We organized in 1988 and incorporated in 1990. Most of our 1,700 members are in Nebraska but we do have members from California to New York. Our mission or goal is to be a strong legislative force for our members and to create goodwill for special interest vehicle owners. Most of our programs and events support those missions.

A current program is the selection and award of 7—\$1,000 scholarships to students attending tech schools in an automotive curriculum. We have outlined the winners later in this newsletter and nothing we do makes us feel better than helping young people wanting to make a career in the automotive field.

Also you will see articles about Tour Nebraska which has been very successful in recruiting new members and creating good will by taking our show to all parts of Nebraska. The increase number of members helps us greatly in the lobbying process when called upon.

A goal of the NRCA board is to constantly be looking for ways to increase member value. Our classic assemble vehicle titling program has helped many through difficult times. We provide merchandise items at reduced costs such that members can show their pride of belonging. There are about 300 cast aluminum NRCA plaques in service and about 100 member jackets. That is who we are and we want everyone to know of us.

These business help support NRCA. We think you will find they are great to do business with as well. Check them out on our web site for more information.

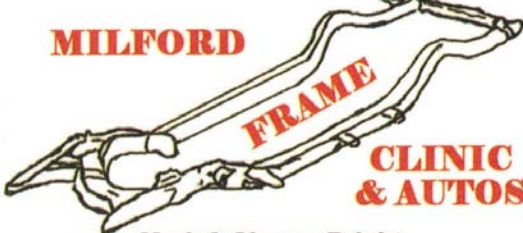


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Scholarships Awarded

The NRCA scholarship committee met on April 9th to interview 12 scholarship applicants. By the end of the day 7—\$1,000 scholarships were awarded. This includes one sponsored by the Tri City Street Rods.

Our committee consist of Brad Kernick (chairman) and members Lin Hoskins, Perry

Siebert and Blake Stegman. Our thanks to them for the amount of time spent and the final selections.

We have worked hard to get in front of student groups to encourage them to apply. Those not selected may still receive another scholarship as we will share those with local car clubs if requested.



To the left, NRCA Scholarship Chairman Brad Kernick congratulated Charlie Martin from Sidney on receipt of a NRCA scholarship. He is attending Mid Plains CC in North Platte currently. He is studying Auto Mechanics and the Street Rod Program. He might pursue Auto Body repair later. From high school he went to the Marines first and then college. He had 3 letters of recommendation. He enjoys engines and electrical.



Lin Hoskins on the right congratulates Matt Summer from Omaha on winning a NRCA scholarship. He is a second year student at South East Community College in Milford studying Automotive Technology. He has great work experience at Cal Automotive Creations in Bennington. You might recall they built the Riddler Award winning 1940 for coupe “Checkered Past” a couple of years ago. He has a son and is an assistant Scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts. Matt says he has enjoyed cars since he was a boy. He is scheduled for a spring 2017 graduation and hopes to work full time at Cal Automotive Creations after graduation.



Jared Pofal Ewing is congratulated by committee member Blake Stegman. Jared has been in the Marines and is married with children. He is currently attending South East Community College in the GM ASEP program. He is sponsored by car dealer Sid Dillion and has worked part time with that dealership. He enjoyed electrical challenges and will use the scholarship to assist with his expenses for the 2nd year of the program. He is also a sergeant in the Marine Reserves . After graduation , he hoped to be offered full time employment by the Sid Dillion organization.



Zach Brandenbough attended Raymond Central and is now enrolled at South East Community College. His course of study is Auto Body and he enjoys painting cars. He said he grew up attending car events with his family. He currently works at B&S Enterprises and Zim's repair shop. His ultimate goal is to open his own shop in the Lincoln area. Brad Kernick was pleased to be able to present this scholarship to Zach.



Damian Collins is from Hastings and is attending Central Community College in Hastings studying Auto Body. He is on the deans list and in Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. He is a member of the Melon Roasters Car Club and has been showing his car for 2 years. He currently works at Mr. D's Automotive and also at Odyssey. Lin Hosins is shown awarding a scholarship to Damian. Damian also commented that he has enjoyed being around cars since he was a young boy.



Brad Kernick congratulates **Luis Cesar Morales Villezcas** on winning our scholarship. He is a first year student at Central Community College in Hastings. He currently works 35-40 per week to pay for his education and to help support his family of 5. His father was injured a few years ago and is unable to work. He is studying Automotive Technology. Luis is from Cozad and the committee commented that he is a very focused and determined young man!



Bryan Landenberger will graduate from Grand Island Northwest High in May and will attend North East Community College in Norfolk studying Automotive Technology. Currently he works part time at Hy-Vee and has done an internship at Kim's Auto Repair. He is very active in his church and his application was accompanied by some nice letters of recommendation. Lin Hoskins is presenting this scholarship.

This year 29 applications received, a record number. Our committee selected 12 for interview based on their written application. NRCA members should take pride in knowing that part of their dues goes to support this very satisfying program. We do have feelings for the unsuccessful candidates—those feelings serve to make us work harder to find ways to support more scholarships. Those not selected may still receive another scholarship as we will share those with local car clubs if requested. A tradition with NRCA is to award a \$50 interview fee to those who did not receive a scholarship to help cover their travel expenses. This writer was very gratified when, at the Grand Island car show several years back, a man came to our booth saying he wanted to become a member. He proceeded to comment that his son had applied for our scholarship—I presumed he won. But the father said he did not—however he knew of no other organization that provided money to help with those not selected with their interview expenses and he wanted to be a part of that kind of an association.





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NRCA was organized by special interest car owners when it appeared legislation introduced in the Nebraska Unicameral would threaten our hobby. We realized that this could be a continuing threat and there was a need to have an association that would not only react to these emergencies, but also work to build goodwill and work proactively to enact favorable legislation. That was 28 years ago — the need and mission of NRCA has not changed. Only the price of failure not to be involved has changed and when you consider what you have to lose, belonging to NRCA is the best value around today!



We value your membership—but need your dues support to continue the work of the association. When you get a dues notice please respond—we would hate

to suspend your membership !

***Cruising—
Thoughts
Gary Hedman—NRCA President***

Our “season” is here and NRCA has some neat plans for members—that is my opinion anyway. Speaking of members I want to welcome all our new members and proudly announce that we are at a record membership of over 1,700 —and still growing. We hope that is because we are doing the right things—providing value and making NRCA a State association you are proud to belong to.

Event wise I hope many of you will support our effort to help Southeast Community College celebrate their 75th year of educating our young adults on May 7th. They and all the other tech schools do a great job and NRCA backs their efforts as much as we can.

If you have email, you soon will get an announcement of our “Grand Weekend” in Grand Island events. This consists of the Grand Theatre free car show in downtown GI on Saturday evening August 6th and NRCA’s own

“Afternoon in Railroad Town” at the Stuhr Museum the following day. There is no charge for members to this event—including admission to the museum which about the same as your annual NRCA membership dues.

The “Grand” is a 1930’s art deco movie theater that is now volunteer operated. The show generally draws 200+ vehicles and space is limited. Participants even get two free passes to the theater that are good for a year! We have much more info on our website on the Grand including contact numbers.

As for “Railroad Town” we moved our date to not conflict with the Goodguys “Day in the Hay” in Lincoln which is the weekend prior to the 4th of July. This one day trial event held last year proved to be successful and Nebraska finally has a major “national” type of event.

Much of this newsletter focuses on our scholarship efforts which we and you should be very proud of. This is the future of our hobby—your membership supports this effort!

Driving today to keep driving tomorrow