

# ***Pan Siftings***



December 11th General Mtg 7:30pm VFW 428  
December 18th Board Mtg 7pm at The Moose  
December 23rd Pan Siftings Articles Due  
December 25th Merry Christmas  
December 31st New Years Eve  
January 1st Happy New Year  
January 1st Club Dues are Due  
January 8th General Mtg 7:30pm VFW 428  
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January 20th Pan Siftings Articles Due  
January 22nd Car Show Chair Mtg 7pm VFW 428



**DECEMBER**



## **CAR OF THE MONTH**



**1973 Ford E100 Van Owned By Don and Lois Blonigen**

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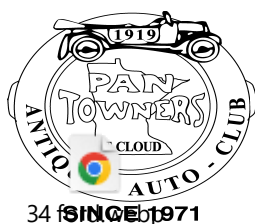
## Club Officers & Board Members

**President:** Paul Schmidbauer  
**Vice Pres:** Ralph Anderson  
**Secretary:** Tina Holt  
**Treasurer:** Bob Salmonson  
**Car Show Chair:** Randy Marchand  
**Sgt. At Arms:** Ken Pflipsen

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### Mission Statement:

To Preserve The History Of The Pan Automobile; To Introduce And Educate Current And Future Generations About The Collector Car Hobby; To Promote Fun And Fellowship Amongst Its Members And To Invest Time, Talent, And Capital Into Future Club Projects And Functions.



## Car Of The **MONTH**

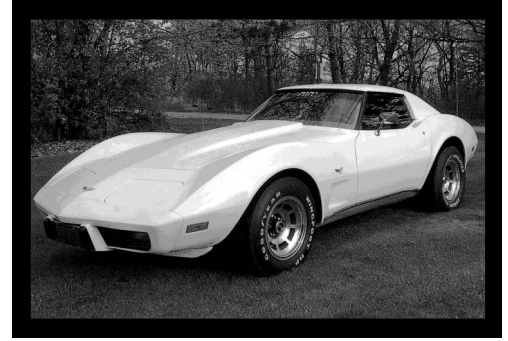
**1973 Ford E100 Van**  
**Owned By Don and Lois Blonigen**



"Little Red", one of the first mini vans. We bought this van in St Cloud MN at Bill's Auto Sales in 1979. It was basic transportation at the time. It was, however, a mini camper conversion. It had a table and benches that folded into a bed. It also had a 2 burner gas stove, and 15 gal potable water tank, icebox and storage closet. It was an unusual van because most of the short wheel base vans back then were 6 cylinders with manual transmissions. This one came with a 302 V8, 3 speed automatic, power steering, power brakes and air conditioning. In the early 80's I worked as a professional road musician for a few years and this van and I went through 6 states and Canada many times. Yes, I lived in it many times when rooms weren't included with the job. That old 302 always started no matter how cold the weather and never let me sitting. The body was restored in 1990 by Bill Jex and all of the camping equipment was removed. Also, in 1990 at 151,000 miles the tired 302 engine was replaced with a hi-performance 289 V8. Two years ago, with almost 200,000 miles on it, the C4 transmission, built Ford tough, was replaced with a Ford AOD transmission courtesy of Automotive Drive Line in Waite Park. The air conditioning was rebuilt and converted to R134A by Ideal Radiator. The seats and cushions were reupholstered by Preusser Upholstery last year. It is a hoot to drive so anyone wanting to purchase this van can do so at the estate sale. (Not too soon I hope). Don and Lois Blonigen

## President's Report

Greetings Fellow Car Enthusiasts!! Praying your Thanksgiving was filled with thanks and now Christmas!! Ho, Ho, Ho! I'm not going to lie I miss my car already and it's only been a month. Anyway back to business... We got a car show coming up. The first Car Show Chair Meeting will be at the St Cloud VFW 428 January 22nd at 7pm down stairs. I will have the first draft of the flyer shirt, trophy info with dash plaque info for approval or suggestions or improvements. You should have received a call from me by now if you are a chair person, if not call me!! 320-630-4219. Oh the club... is doing great. 2025 is almost in the books and we made it!! 2026 will be a great year for new and exciting events and times. Planning many trips and new stuff for the club to enjoy. May God grant each of you peace and the ability to see all of your blessings. Paul



**President Paul Schmidtbauer**  
**Email: paulschmidtbauer@gmail.com**

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*Merry Christmas*



## Vice President's Report

Hello Everyone, I hope everyone had a great thanksgiving and are looking forward to Christmas, Remember to give thanks for everything you have been blessed with. especially, four barrel carbs. fuel injection, power steering, wheels, brakes, more power, etc. We have one person nominated for 1st tear director. We still need a 2nd person nominated for 1st year director. We will continue to take nominations for any of the other positions up to the December general meeting. Thank you for continued support of the club. May God Bless you and have a blessed Christmas! Ralph



**Vice President Ralph Anderson**  
**Email: ralph.anderson8186@gmail.com**



### **Nominations That Have Been Accepted For The Upcoming 2026 Year**

**Vice President:** Dennis Arntson

**Secretary:** Tina Holt

**Treasurer:** Bob Salmonson with Bob Halliday partnering

**Sargent at Arms:** Tom Hall

**1st Year Directors:** Julie Anderson

We still need a nomination for a second 1st Year Director. Please consider running for a board position. Our club has many talented people who can bring a wealth of knowledge and input to our club. I can speak from experience that getting involved with the club by being on the board is very satisfying. You will get to know the workings of our club and get to know members on a more personal level. Thank you for your consideration. Jim Z.





## Car Show Chairman Report

Hello Everybody! I really have nothing new to report. Wishing you all a Great Christmas Holiday.

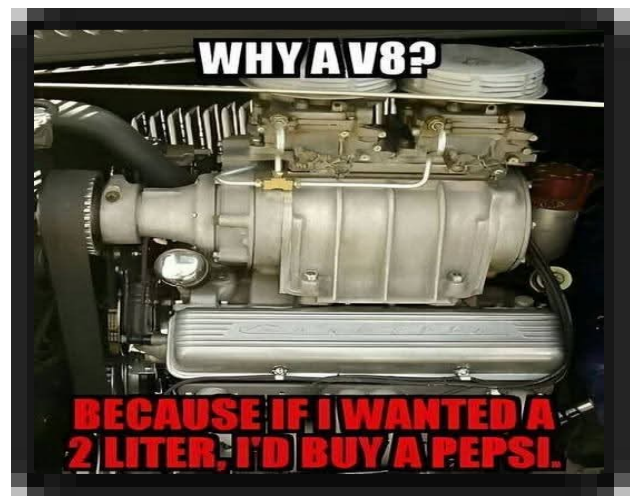
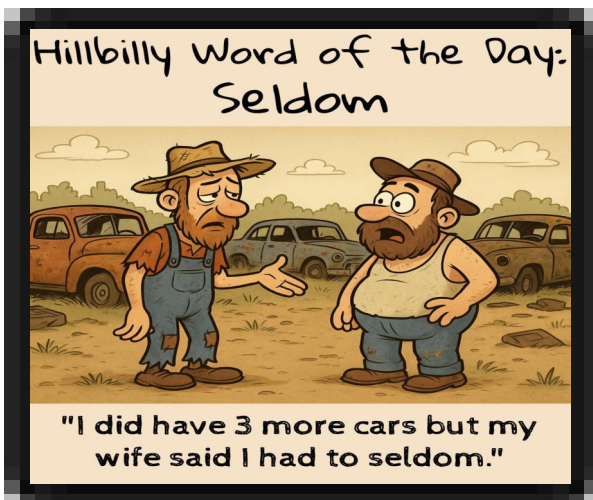
**Randy Marchand**

**Email: [carguymrcr05@gmail.com](mailto:carguymrcr05@gmail.com)**



## **Car Fun Facts**

The world's first speeding ticket was issued in 1902.  
The first car radio was invented in 1929 by Paul Gavin.  
Cars were first invented as electric vehicles.  
The first automobile race in the U.S. had a top speed of just 15 mph.  
A modern vehicle has approximately 30,000 individual parts  
Cars spend about 95% of their lifetime parked  
The average American spends over 38 hours in traffic each year  
Most car horns in America are tuned to the key of F.  
The "new car smell" is caused by about 50 volatile organic compounds  
The first windshield wipers were manual



## Membership Meeting Minutes

November 13th 2025

**Call to Order:** Julie Anderson had a special presentation for the meeting in honor of all Veterans for Veterans Day. Julie played Red Skeleton's version of the pledge of allegiance at the VFW #428 and proceeded to lead the members in our own pledge of allegiance and prayer. Paul Schmidtbauer then called the meeting to order. We would like to thank Julie for the beautiful Veterans Day cake that was shared by all. Pete Voigt donated pop tabs.

**Guest:** Joe Tetrault from Edward Jones Investments

**Approval of The Minutes:** Dennis Arntson made a motion to accept the minutes as written and Tom Erickson seconded the motion. Discussion and motion was carried.

**President:** Paul Schmidtbauer stated that 92 members attended the Club Birthday Party. Everyone had a wonderful time. Paul also talked about the next General Meeting in December, being a Christmas Party. The VFW has stated that we are allowed to bring snacks, desserts, chips, and meat and cheese trays that are going to be consumed immediately. VFW Post 428 is not allowing any items that have to be plugged in or refrigerated to be brought in for the meeting. If anyone has any questions about what they want to bring please contact Paul so he can call the VFW ahead of time for approval.

**Vice President:** Ralph Anderson reminded members that it is time for nominations again for Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sargent at Arms, and 1st year directors. Tina Holt was nominated for Secretary and she accepted, Tom Hall was nominated for Sargent at Arms and he accepted, Bob Halliday was nominated for Treasurer until Bob Salmonson can return. Bob Salmonson accepted with Bob Halliday as his partner, Dennis Arntson was nominated for Vice President and he accepted, and Julie Anderson was nominated for 1st year Director and she accepted. Caleb Anderson was nominated for the other 1st year director position and is thinking about it. Thank you for all the nominations and helping out the club.

**Treasurer:** Bob Halliday stated that St Cloud Federal Credit Union is doing well. Bills for the car show are now all paid. Tom Erickson made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as given and Nick Anderson 2nd the motion. Discussion and motion was carried.

**Secretary:** Tina Holt talked about needing membership forms filled out even if you are a life member. Please check this year's roster to make sure everything is correct. Please list any corrections, additions, or removals on the form. Also, **the membership dues are due on January 1st.** There are 117 members that have not turned in their membership form including some lifetime members. I would like all forms to be turned in by the January General Meeting. Any memberships not turned in by January 31st will not be in the roster for 2026.

**Car Show Chairman:** Randy Marchand talked about the News Papers now being available for \$5. They are exactly like the original one except the price has been removed. Also, the Benton County Fairgrounds will be available for next year's Car Show.

**1st Year Directors:** Seth Manuell talked about plans for the upcoming spring tour.

**2nd Year Directors:** Tom Erickson talked about the upcoming Spring Banquet for next year.

**3rd Year Directors:** Gary Anderson and Todd Whitney have nothing at this time.

**Pan Car Committee:** Dennis Arntson stated that the Pan Cars are sleeping for the rest of the year. Also, Jim Stodolka talked about the 250 Pan Car needing 2 outer rims with a 34 by 4 tire size.

**Old Business:** There was a question brought up to Tina Holt about beverages. The Pantowners Club will provide water and pop for members at no cost, but not Alcoholic Beverages.

**New Business:** Lily Prince talked about next year's calendars being available for \$2 if anyone would like to purchase extras and newspapers for \$5. Also, Ralph Anderson stated that for those of you that wish to pay for your membership dues with a card, the square unit is set up and available at the December General Meeting.

**Card/Badge Drawing Winners This Month:** Larry Germann, Bill Miller, Dennis Klug, Ken Pflipsen, and Tom Erickson. The badge drawing was Robert Prom who was not present so the amount for December will be \$50.

Fun historical fact from Ralph Anderson: What was the first Turbo Charged Vehicle ever produced? 1962 Corvair Monza Spyder. What was the first Electric Start Vehicle ever produced? 1912 Cadillac Model 30.

**Adjournment:** Tim Goodner made a motion to adjourn, and Nick Anderson seconded. All were in favor, and the motion was carried. Time: 8:30pm.

**Secretary Tina Holt**

## Board Meeting Minutes

November 20th 2025

**Call to Order:** Paul called the meeting to order at the Moose Lodge and Ken led the board members in The Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Mike Schmitt was excused. Everyone else was present.

**Guests:** Barb Anderson, Julie Anderson, and Donna Salmonson.

**Corrections:** The Board voted unanimously on having a Veterans themed Car Show that was not put in the minutes last month.

**Approval of The Minutes:** Randy made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected and Todd seconded. Discussion and motion was carried.

**President:** Paul talked about needing a place to print the banners for the car show and the first car show meeting will be held at the VFW #428 January 22nd, 2026, at 7pm. Paul also stated that the club birthday party went well.

**Vice President:** Ralph stated that he is looking forward to becoming president next year and that we still need a 1st Year director to help Julie Anderson next year.

**Secretary:** Tina had nothing to report at this time.

**Treasurer:** Bob Halliday and Bob Salmonson gave the report. The budget is looking good. Tom motioned to approve the treasurer report and Gary seconded the motion. Discussion and motion was carried.

**Car Show Chairman:** Randy had nothing at this time.

**1st Year Directors:** Pat and Seth are working on the Spring Tour for next year. Planning is going well.

**2nd Year Directors:** Tom and Mike are working on the Spring banquet for next year.

**3rd Year Directors:** Todd and Gary have nothing at this time.

**Old Business:** nothing at this time

**New Business:** Ralph stated that membership dues can be paid in person with the Square at the December meeting for those members that wish to use a credit or debit card. **The December general meeting is a snack meeting which means that we can bring chips and desserts as long as they do not need refrigeration, crackers, pickles, and meat and cheese trays as long as they are consumed right away. Basically, any food that does not need to be plugged in or refrigerated.** Paul stated that the club will provide wings that the VFW will prepare and plates, napkins, and silverware.

**Adjournment:** Tom made a motion to adjourn, and Randy seconded. Discussion and motion was carried. Time 7:33pm

Secretary Tina Holt



**After 50, a man shouldn't have any more cars....  
SERIOUSLY,  
50 cars is enough!!! 😂**



**Laughing at your own mistakes can lengthen your life. Laughing at your wife's mistakes can shorten it.**



#### For Sale:

- 1935 Pontiac 2 dr suicide doors, clear title. Rod or restore. 1989 E-Z Go 3 wheel meter maid. Cab. Box. 1984 Honda TRX 200. 1985 Honda Big Red. Kawasaki 3 wheeler for parts. Bruce 320-253-3589
- Like new, 20 Ford books, manuals and albums from 1903 to 2013. 763-639-5251 or 763-354-8523
- M16 Studebaker 1 1/2 ton, low miles, extra parts. \$4,500. Ed Bauer 320-260-6891
- 4.0 amp, 5/8 hp 4 1/2 inch disc grinder new still in the box. Incl some accessory wheels. Bob Salmonson 320-393-4123
- 2004 Mercedes 500 Cik top does not go down -fix of for sale. \$ 5500 Matt 763-568-5640
- 1976 Honda Goldwing Mike Pelzer 320-249-5319
- Restored 1953 Plymouth Belvedere 2 dr ht and 1985 Buick Riviera, Les 320-393-2741
- 1927 eu Studebaker Roadster \$15,000 Ed Bauer 320-260-6891
- 1962 Ford Falcon 4 dr Good Shape. Pat Manuel 320-493-3378
- 5 14 inch Mustang steel wheels and set of 4 full wheel covers . 320-290-0504
- 4 wheel scooter used at car show. Batteries 1 year old , red 2 mirrors, charger, arm rests, manuals. 320-630-4219 Paul
- Weed Sprayer 12 volt Ed Bauer 320-260-6891
- 1928 Oakland Pontiac 4 dr sedan. 100 % complete. Flathead 6 and stuck, original dark blue patinaed. Needs one wheel wood spoke repair. Very straight, rust free \$7500 obo. Mike 507-829-3565

If you can't make the general meeting and want something listed before I send The Siftings to print ( due date listed on front page ) email me with your listing [jzwilling47@gmail.com](mailto:jzwilling47@gmail.com). I will continue your listing for 3 months or until you let me know it was sold or you want it renewed or removed. Thanks Jim Z.







## Membership Form-St Cloud Antique Auto Club

**Send to: P.O. Box 704 St. Cloud, MN 56302-0704** Dues are \$20 per fiscal year January 1st and includes the monthly Siftings newsletter (which can be mailed or emailed,) 1 Roster and 1 calendar. Mailing roster to you is an additional \$3.00. Mailing a calendar is an additional \$3.00 **Please Circle: NEW RENEWAL, LIFE MEMBER, CHANGE ADDRESS OR VEHICLES**

Please do not list my personal information in the club roster

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Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

For new members cars you own and for renewals mark any changes with a + or - sign before the car. Please include year, make, model, body-style and special features.

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## 2025 Pantowners Cub Birthday Party





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&
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## Membership Application

### St. Cloud Antique Auto Club, Inc

To apply for membership or to get information about our Club, check out our website:

[www.pantowners.org](http://www.pantowners.org)

-Or-

send an email request and we will forward an application form to you

[pansiftings@yahoo.com](mailto:pansiftings@yahoo.com)

Pantowners Media Email:

[pmedia@pantowners.org](mailto:pmedia@pantowners.org)

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