

# ***Pan Siftings***



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# March



## **CAR OF THE MONTH**



**1946 Ford Coupe Owner Merlin & Connie Leitheiser**

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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**

1946 Ford Coupe  
Owner Merlin & Connie Leitheiser



I looked at my 1946 Ford coupe for the first time at Don and Phyllis Miklos' storage barn. He said the motor needed work as it had sat for years. Old Ford coupes are my favorite. We agreed on a price in 2003. The '46 had an interesting history as the previous owner was the Sauk Rapids Ford Dealer. Thank You for appreciating my ride. Merlin & Connie Leitheiser.



HAPPY  
*St. Patrick's Day*

# President's Report

Spring is one month closer!! I am looking forward to having more warm weather! We are looking for anyone that would have time to go to businesses to see and check if they want to order any of our Calendars this year. There are 17 businesses to go to, Randy and Lily have a list of businesses we have gone to in the past. If we can get multiple people to go to a couple businesses each, it would make it real easy to get this done. See myself or Randy for signing up to help out. This year the club birthday party will be November 21st at the Fishers Club in Avon, MN; May you all stay healthy and have many blessings to be thankful



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

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## **Pan Towners Spring Tour 2026**



Saturday May 16th, 2026. Meet at Coborns in Foley MN at 8:30 am and expect to depart at 9:00am sharp. Fee is \$10.00 per person (including kids). Registration must be received by May 1st 2026.

Make checks payable to: "St Cloud Antique Auto Club".  
Mail to: Pat & Barb Manuell, 615 W. Birch St. St. Joseph, MN 56374  
A drive through the countryside to Hinckley to visit the Hinckley Fire Museum and then to Round Two Bar and Restaurant in Milaca for lunch. There is a fee for the museum. Adults: \$6 and Seniors \$5 that is not included in the registration.

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### **Spring Tour Resgistration Form**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

Any questions call Seth Manuell at 320-266-9733 or Pat Manuell at 320-493-3378

## Vice President's Report

Good morning everyone, now that we had the taste of warm weather recently its only a matter of time crusin season will be here!

See below for listing of upcoming car shows and other events. One event that is in the works is a car show at Legends Bar & Grill (and Holiday Inn) located on the corner of Hwy 15 & Division. This is in the planning stage, but they are considering doing car shows on a recurring schedule. We discussed possibly as often as monthly and if so, will need to coordinate not to conflict with other monthly car shows already established. They are thinking maybe live music, great deals on food options, and something for kids. They want ideas from us on how to make this happen. I said that if they want to advertise the Pan Car being there, our club will get some great exposure. Also the idea of bringing our Valve Cover Race Track and they loved the idea as a way to get kids involved. They mentioned using the parking lot and grass area right off the intersection. This would be a highly visible location and I could see this to be a great event. As they say.....location, location, location! Pan Car: I know this listing of Pan Committee members in the Siftings needs updating, I will be making calls to clear that up and look for others that may want to help. Being a committee member doesn't mean you have to help with everything, only with that you are comfortable with. Not firmed up yet, but will be getting together in early May to wake up the Pan Car. That's all for now. Thanks! And remember to..... Enjoy the Ride!



**Vice President Dennis Arntson**  
**Email: arntson@jetup.net**

### **Upcoming Car Shows and Events (March-June):**

Sat/Sun Mar 28-29: "Toppers Car Show" West Fargo, ND

Sat/Sun April 11-12: "GSTA Rod & Custom Spectacular". Canterbury Park Expo Ctr Shakopee

Sat April 25: "Cars & Caves". Chanhassen AutoPlex (last Saturday every month)

Sun May 16: "Historic Hastings Car Show" 11-4pm (every 3rd Sunday thru Sept)

Tues May 19: "Henderson Classic Car Roll-in". Henderson, MN (every Tuesday night thru Sept)

Fri June 12: "History Cruze Car Show". North St. Paul on 7th Ave. 6-10pm (every other Fri)

Sat June 13: St. Cloud VA Car Show. More information to follow.

Sat June 13: "Roll into downtown New Ulm" 3:30-8pm (every 2nd Saturday thru Sept)

Mon June 2: Copper Kettle Restaurant 4-7pm (plus last Monday June thru Sept)

Sat June 6: MSMA Car Show at Spring Lake Park's "Tower Days" Lakeside Lions Park 10am

Fri-Sun June 19-21: "MSRA Back-to-the-50's". MN State Fairgrounds

### **List of Parades. (Need to verify attendance before submitting application):**

Wed June 17: "Foley Fun Days" parade. Foley. 5pm line up

Fri June 26: "Rapid River Days Parade" Sauk Rapids. 5pm line up

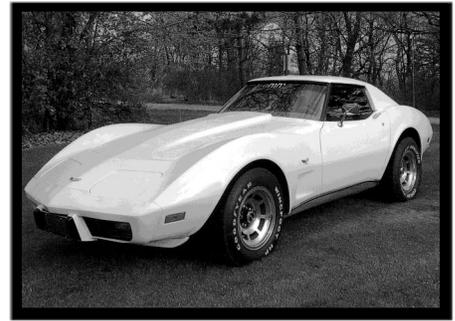
Sat June 27: "St Cloud Granite City Days" St Cloud. 9am line up

Sat July 4: "St Joseph 4th of July Parade". St Joseph. 9am line up

Sat August 15: "Rice Days" Rice. 11am line up

## Car Show Chairman Report

Hello Car Club Members! I waited as long as I could to write this article because this is all about changes for the car show. The Fair Board is making a decision on the price we will pay for The Fairgrounds and as of 10pm Tuesday they have not given us a number. I will plan a show that our club can put on and operate with ease and less expense. As of right now I am going to the car show meeting on Thursday to discuss these changes with the members that are car show chair people. Full story to be told at the next meeting. May God smile upon us and help us (me), make the right choices in the upcoming event!. Peace Paul



**Car Show Chair Paul Schmidtbauer**  
**Email: paulschmidtbauer@gmail.com**



### **New Start Time for General Meetings !**

The new start time for the monthly General Meetings is 7:00pm. When the General Meetings are at the VFW 428 the staff will start taking food orders at 5:30pm Thank You

### **Calendar Car or Truck Rules**

- Must be a member in good standing for one year.
- Must write an article on the car or truck for the month it is in the calendar for The Siftings
- Car or truck must be 20 years old or older. **Voting takes place at the May General Meeting.**
- A different car or truck can be entered every 2 years,
- The same car or truck that was in the calendar can be entered again after 10 years.
- Those wanting to submit a photo of their vehicle for consideration for our 2027 calendar must submit a 8X10 photo that must have 1/4 inch scenery around the car (no white borders).
- Cars or trucks that have not been in the calendar may automatically be put in the calendar unless there are more than twelve, then there will be a vote on the remaining cars or trucks entered.
- **Cars or trucks must be able to drive into our car show for the calendar display in the Ice Arena .**
- If you plan to sell your car or truck, or do not want to display your car or truck in the Ice Arena do not enter it in the calendar for consideration. **Lily will be accepting photos until The April General Meeting. If we get more than 12 cars voting will be at The May General Meeting. Thank You.**
- Five calendars will be given to each calendar car or truck.
- Please note we are also in need of somebody to go out and sell the calendars. We do have a list of whereto go. If interested please see Lily. Thanks



## Membership Meeting Minutes

February 12th 2025

**Call to Order:** Steve Wendt, filling in for Tom Hall led the Pledge of Allegiance at the VFW #428. Ralph Anderson called the meeting to order.

**Guests:** Alex Stay came to observe the club. May join next month.

**Approval Of The Minutes:** Keith Bauman made a motion to accept the minutes as written, and Carol Lauermann seconded the motion. Discussion and motion was carried.

**President:** Ralph Anderson stated that Gail Counter is leaving the 1st Year Director position because she is moving out of the area. We need a 1st Year Director to fill Gail's position. President Club Birthday Party this year will be on November 21st at Fishers Club in Avon.

**Vice President:** Dennis Arntson sent an email to Ralph for his report. **Saturday / Sunday March 28th and 29th. Toppers Car Show West Fargo, ND, Saturday May 30th. VA car show.** Details to follow, **Saturday June 13th. Holiday Inn is planning their first car show.** Details to follow. Looking to making an order on magnetic parade signs. See me if interested. I have no detailed info yet. Reminder, as noted in the Siftings, we will NOT be doing our "Trash and Dash" ditch cleanup effort this spring. Waiting to hear what the weight of our pop tabs were this year. Again, this supports our vets in their Polytrauma unit. Getting Pan Car ready for the summer. Looking for a time and date in early May. Watch for notice in April Siftings.

**Secretary:** Tina Holt talked to Kathy at POS Printing about the roster. If I can get the roster done and to her by February 20th, we should still have them by the general meeting in March.

**Treasurer:** Bob Halliday stated that we are doing well financially and he is working on the budget. Tom Erickson made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as given and Randy Marchand 2nd the motion. Discussion and motion was carried.

**Car Show Chairman:** Paul Schmidtbauer stated that he has a meeting with the Fair Board on Tuesday to discuss the contract.

**1st Year Directors:** Julie Anderson stated that the fall tour will be on Saturday Sept 19th going to the new museum at Camp Ripley.

**2nd Year Directors:** Pat and Seth Manuell stated that the spring tour will be on May 16th going to the Fire Museum in Hinkley.

**3rd Year Directors:** Tom Erickson stated that the Spring Banquet will be on March 28th at the Eagles Club and the money for the spring banquet needs to be paid by March 20th.

**Pan Car Committee:** The Pan Car will start to wake up in May.

**Old Business:** nothing at this time.

**New Business:** Lily Prince stated the photos for the 2027 calendar need to have a natural boarder not a white boarder, also the newspapers are printed and available for \$5.00 each.

**Announcements:** Cold Spring Car Club is having their annual movie on March 7th. Need For Speed with food at the Blue Heron afterwards.

**Card/Badge Drawing Winners:** Dorothy Paulson, Dennis Klug, Carol Lauermann, Ray Schouville, Shirley Bromenschenkl. The winner of the t-shirt drawings Paul Schmidtbauer and James Laumeyer. T Barb Wendt who was present won the badge drawing, so the amount for March will be \$10.

**Adjournment:** Tim Goodner made a motion to adjourn, and Dennis Klug seconded. All were in favor, and the motion was carried. Time: 8:40pm.

Secretary Tina Holt



## Board Meeting Minutes

February 19th 2025

**Call to Order:** Ralph Anderson called the meeting to order at 2550 Quarry Rd NE in Sauk Rapids and Tom Hall led the board members in The Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Guests:** Randy Marchand.

**Approval Of The Minutes:** Julie Anderson made a motion to accept the minutes, and Tom Hall seconded. Discussion and motion was carried.

**President:** Ralph Anderson talked about having the Board Meetings at the VFW #428 starting in March. President Club Birthday Party is set, and it will be a buffet style. Food to be determined.

**Vice President:** Dennis Arntson talked about Legends Bar having 2 or 3 car shows a year with the Pantowners Club being involved. The VA's car show will be on June 13th this year, so it does not interfere with back to the 50's.

**Secretary:** Tina Holt talked about the member registrations. There are only 12 members that have not sent in their memberships. If dues are not paid by the 15th of January starting next year, those members will be removed from the roster and siftings mailing/email lists until they are paid. Tina will put stacks of membership forms on each table at the general meetings starting in September.

**Treasurer:** Bob Halliday stated financially we are doing good and that the budget is still in the planning stage for this year. It is being held up by not having a contract for the Car Show at the fair grounds. Tina Holt motioned to approve the treasurer report and Tom Erickson seconded the motion. Discussion and motion was carried.

**Car Show Chairman:** Paul Schmidtbauer stated that the negotiations are still ongoing with the Fair Board.

**1st Year Directors:** Julie Anderson and Gail Counter have set the date for the fall tour as Sept 19th. The fall tour will be to the new Veterans Museum in Camp Ripley with a lunch to follow. More details to come.

**2nd Year Directors:** Pat and Seth Manuell have the date for the spring tour as May 16th, and we will be going to the Hinkley Fire Museum.

**3rd Year Directors:** Tom Erickson stated that the Spring Banquet will be at the Eagles Club on March 28th, and all registration needs to be in by March 20th.

**Old Business:** Nothing at this time.

**New Business:** Randy Marchand informed the board what it will cost for us to purchase calendars for the car show and for members without the sale of calendars to businesses because no one is stepping up to sell them. Please consider helping out with the calendar sales. Multiple members can help with this. It does not need to be one person in charge of the sales. Bob Halliday talked about doing awards for the young builders' association. Dennis Arntson made a motion to consider this and Julie Anderson second this motion. Discussion and motion was carried.

**Adjournment:** Dennis Arntson made a motion to adjourn, and Tom Hall seconded. Discussion and motion was carried. Time 8:50pm

Secretary Tina Holt



## Spring Forward



## March 9th



**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
- 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
- 5 1/4 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
- 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

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.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_



## Pan Towners Spring Banquet 2026



Saturday March 28th, 2026 the Pan Towners spring banquet will be held at the Eagles Club, 730 41<sup>st</sup> Ave N., St. Cloud, MN. Social hour begins at 5:00 P.M. followed by dinner **at 6:00.** Registration must be received by Friday March 20th, 2026.

Make checks payable to: "St Cloud Antique Auto Club"  
Mail to: Tom Erickson, 1151 15<sup>th</sup> Ave S., St. Cloud, MN 56301

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Worked at the car show \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00= \_\_\_\_\_

Area(s) Worked \_\_\_\_\_

Did not work at the car show \_\_\_\_\_ X \$16.00= \_\_\_\_\_

Any questions call Tom Erickson at 320-250-3206



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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:

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-Or-

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

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

**Pantowners Media Email:**

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