

SWANKS NEWS

Swanks Car Club

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Swanks Garage Tour 2023 Photos: Jon Baumler



Swanks members enjoying the Swanks Garage Tour 2023



**The police never
think it's as
funny as you do.**

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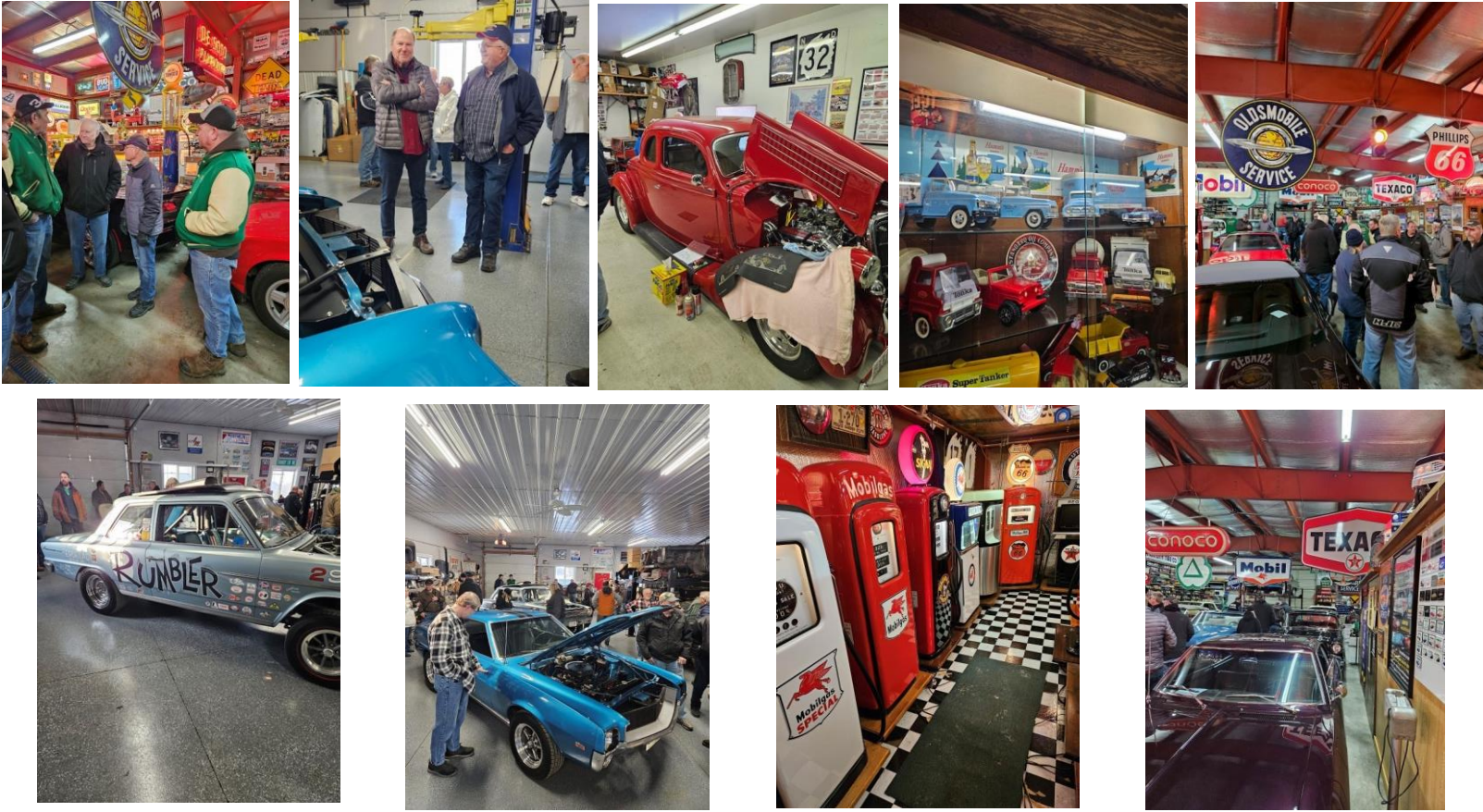
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Going to a car show? Bring your camera and send in the photos for the next newsletter.

Got a project or a new car? Take a few photos and submit them to the newsletter.

Got something to sell? Put it into the newsletter—
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Swanks Garage Tour Continued...



Boy Scout Car Show Lake Havasu AZ

Photos: Terry Madsen

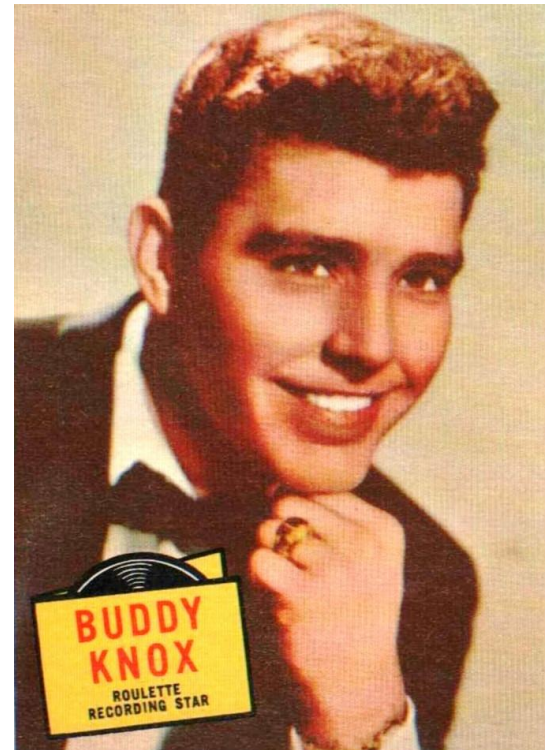


Boy Scout Car Show Continued...



I didn't get a picture of this hearse, but the owner an old guy, said to look into her eyes and she will talk to you. Kind of hard to hear her, but she did talk.





Buddy Knox - Party Doll 1957

[Wikipedia](#)

"Party Doll" is one of the earliest rock "n" roll songs I can remember. I was about 10 years old when this song came out and remember listening to it on my uncle's record player. It was and still is a great song.

Buddy Knox was born in a tiny farming community of Happy, Texas and learned to play guitar in his youth. In his teens, he and some high-school friends formed a band called the "Rhythm Orchids". After they performed on the same 1956 radio show as fellow Texan Roy Orbison and his "Teen Kings" band, Orbison suggested that Knox go to record producer Norman Petty, who had a recording studio in Clovis, New Mexico, the same studio where Buddy Holly recorded several of his early hits, including "That'll Be the Day".

Knox's song "Party Doll" was released on the Roulette record label and went to number one on the Cash Box Record chart in 1957. It sold over one million copies and was awarded a gold disc by the RIAA. This success was followed by "Rock Your Little Baby to Sleep", a number 17 hit, and "Hula Love", a number 9 hit. While he never achieved the same level of artistic success as Holly or Orbison, Knox outlived both and enjoyed a long career in music. For his pioneering contribution, Knox was elected to the Rockabilly Hall of Fame. "Part Doll" was voted one of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame's 500 songs that shaped rock and roll.

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**If you wait long enough
to cook dinner,
everyone will eat cereal.**

**Follow me for more
recipes.**

1960 Philips under dash car record player...



Motorhead Madness, Duluth, Minnesota

Photos/Words: Ron Dahley

I attended Motorhead Madness for the first time this March and I can report it is a good show. Motorhead Madness is advertised as one of the largest car shows in the Midwest, the show filled four arenas in the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center. The show featured customs, hot rods, race cars including an Indianapolis race car from 1997, a 57-58 National Sportsman champion car driven by legendary NASCAR Driver Ned Jarrett. The show also featured vendors, concession stand, two bars a Remote Control Race Track and a drag race simulator for the kids and kids at heart.



Motorhead Madness Continued...



The only true test of values, either of men or of things, is that of their ability to make the world a better place in which to live. Henry Ford

What's the Diff? 1933 and 34 Ford

Mac's Motor City Garage



The Ford passenger car line was thoroughly updated for 1933, with a new body and longer, 112-inch wheelbase chassis to complement the revolutionary V8 engine introduced the year before. Most of the familiar Ford body styles were continued but with all-new styling, as with the '33 Cabriolet shown above.

For the moment, make a note of the gently curving hood louvers and the single hood handle in the center of the hood side panel. These are the features that, in Ford lore,



For the 1934 model year the passenger cars received a minor facelift, with the slightly scalloped grille profile and hood side louvers "de-arc'd," that is, redrawn in ruler-straight form. Note also that the single, central hood handle has been replaced with two handles at opposite ends of the side panel—though only the rear handle is visible here.



This closeup of another '34 Coupe also shows the straight grille and hood louvers. However, contrary to popular belief today, this was not a '34 model change, strictly speaking. This was a running production change in September of '33, whereas official 1934 production began in November '33. So the curved grille and louvers do identify a '33 passenger car, but a car with the straight grille and louvers could well be a '33 or '34. By the way, both model years were designated within Ford as Model 40.



Left is the dash used when the '33 went into production. Note the separate, metal-finish instrument panel insert that attaches to the dash and houses the fuel, temperature, and speedometer gauges.

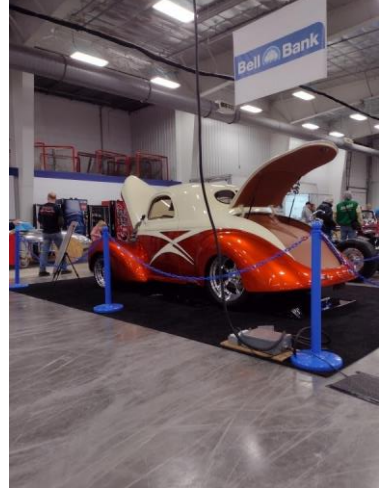
This dash is commonly referred to as a '34, but actually it went into production late in the '33 model year. Note there is no separate instrument panel insert; the gauges install directly into a low relief stamped into the dash.

Rule of Thumb: 33 Ford had curved louvres. 34 Fords had straight Louvres.

Toppers 63rd Annual Car Show

Words: Ron Dahley
Photos: Johnny "Rocket" Nustad
Kevin Dahley
Ron Dahley

The Toppers 63rd annual car show was held at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium in West Fargo ND on April 1 and 2 but it was no joke. The Topper's are well known for attracting some of the finest cars in the Midwest and they did again this year with cars from 5 states. The workmanship and paint on these hot rods and customs were amazing. The music was provided by Blue English and our own Donny Nustad sat in for a few songs, even then they sounded good. I saw some green jackets during the couple hours Kevin, and I were there so the Swanks were well represented at the show. The Topper's car show is also a good place to meet up with old car friends and a lot of our time at the show was spent visiting and catching up with those friends.



Topper's 63rd Annual Car Show Continued...



The Topper's 64th Annual Car Show is scheduled for
April 6 and 7, 2024

Beautiful Dashes

Photos: Pinterest

Sitting behind the wheel of an early automobile looking over its hood can be a real thrill and taking a moment to look at the beautifully designed dash board with the gauges and gleaming chrome, well it is hard to describe the

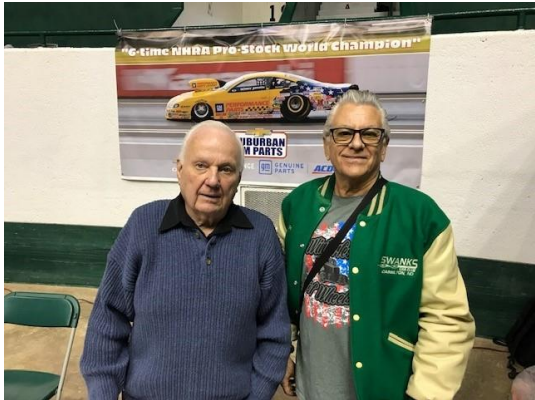
feelings a car person might experience. Maybe it is history and memories, maybe it is the beauty, the art that touches your soul.



Gopher State Timing Association's 65th Annual Car Show

Words: Ron Dahley
Photos: Ron Dahley

The Gopher State Timing Association held their 65th annual car show this past April 1 and 2, 2024 in the Minnesota State Fair Coliseum in St. Paul Mn. The show brought in many cars that had appeared in the show in the 50's and 60's. The show also featured 6-time NHRA Pro Street Champion, Warren "The Professor" Johnson who visited with fans, reminiscing his glory days and signing autographs. Warren was born and lived much of his life in Minnesota and is now residing in Georgia. Fred "4 Door Romo" was remembered with his 48 Pontiac on display.



HISTORY of a SURVIVOR

- 1956** Bought Car New-Then the changes started... Skirts-'56 Olds hub caps-side pipes-nosed & decked
- 1957** Pinstriped-'57 Chrysler taillight-door handles off
- 1958** lower hood-painted CHEVY. all white Frenched headlights-tube grill-side chrome off
- 1959** install 348.C.I.Engine-paint fancy maroon scalps
- 1960** nurl bars-chopped top 2"-rolled pans front & rear cant headlamps-pancake hood red & white interior antenna in front fender-side scoops-paint red flake
- 1961** SOLD THE CAR!
- 1962** LOCATED THE CAR...Now owned by Norm Baltes
- 1973** bought car back from Norm
- 2004** tunnel drive shaft-200 R4 transmission chrome reverse wheels white radial tires power disk brakes-power steering-lowered more
- 2005** bullet grill front & rear-power windows-bat.In trunk tilt column-new top-new interior-ctr.council & seats painted candyapple red
- 2006** Owned by... **Connie & Marlyn Englert**



GSTA Car Show Continued...



Big Daddy Don Garlits started his drag racing career in 1950 and won his first big meet in 1955 at the Lake City Airport near Jacksonville, Florida. Driving his crude home-built flathead-powered rail, Don cranked out a speed of 108.17 mph and won a 2-foot-high trophy, it wasn't until the 1963 NHRA Winter Nationals that Don won his first national event, in a much more sophisticated Swamp Rat.

Feature Car: 1971 Dodge Demon 340

USA CAR WORLD

Parked in an environmental storage area

The paint finish was bright and original

This engine had never been touched

Several years ago, a car collector extraordinaire received a phone call about a '71 Dodge Demon 340. He was always interested in the purchase of high-performance Mopars, but only if they are unique. Demons are cool, however, there are a lot of other noteworthy Chrysler cars out there too, so each vehicle this guy adds to the collection must have something special about it. The Demon was said to be a super-low mileage car, and it had been parked in an environmentally controlled storage area for most of its life—up on blocks—and still in “new” condition.

The original owner purchased this A-Body off the showroom floor because his Hemi Road Runner had been stolen. He had to order a replacement car and needed something to drive until it arrived. And apparently, when his new vehicle did arrive, this 340-cid A-Body went into storage.

Fast forward to inspecting this Demon, the car really did appear in true “as new” condition! Our collector could not believe it, the paint finish was bright and original, the engine had never been touched, the hoses were original, the belts were original, the upholstery was original, the carpets were original, the Goodyear tires were original, and everything was original, save for the battery. And the car



While there were some 10,098 1971 Demon 340s produced in total, this particular Demon is rare with its ultra-low mileage and outstanding condition.

The Demon models came with four different available powerplants: Two Slant Sixes a 198-cid and 225-cid and two V8s a 318cid and 340-cid, the larger being only available in the Demon 340 performance model.

The 340-mill was a potent small block and it had a conservative rating of 275 hp. The engineers at Mopar gave the engine an interesting feature. These factory engines use dissimilar exhaust manifolds. A high runner exhaust manifold on the driver's side has more tradition, allows a runner exhaust manifold on the passenger's side. The driver's side exhaust extends to the rear of the engine before descending and is S-shaped to clear the steering gear. The passenger side has a low mounting and center outlet. Unusual indeed, but it fits between the inner fenders and cleared the various under hood obstacles.



Swanks Drive Careful

Up Coming Events 2023



Please call to ensure the events have not been cancelled.

May 24 Cruise for a Cure Car Show West Fargo High School 3-7:30PM

June 2,3,4 Devils Run Devils Lake ND

June 3 Sisseton, SD Car Show 9am-5pm Sisseton, SD

June 10 Fertile, MN Car Show 11am-3pm

June 29 OK Tire Store Round Up Car Show Fargo Walmart 55th Ave. South 4pm to 8pm

June 17 Aneta Car Show 10am-2pm Aneta ND

June 17-18 Lanny's Can Am rendezvous Mayville ND NDSRA Pick site

June 23-25 Back to the 50's St Paul MN

June 24 Underwood Car/Bike Show 12:30-3:00 Underwood ND

June 30-July 2 Good Guys Heartland Nationals Iowa State Fairgrounds Des Moines Iowa

July 1 Lunde Car Show 10am-3pm Lunde Auto Dealership Fargo ND

July 1 Larimore Dam Car Show 11am-3pm Larimore ND

July 6 Crooked Lane Farm Car Show Cty Rd 4 Colfax ND 4-8pm

July 8 Wings and Wheels Car Show nFargo Air Museum 10am-4pm

July 14-15 Prairie Cruisers 40th annual Car Show Dickinson ND

July 27 Cruise to Casselton, Swanks Car Show Casselton

Ron's Helpful Hot Rod Tips



August 5 NDSRA Run to Medina Medina ND

August 20 Dare 2 Stand out Car show Sickies Rest 4-8pm

August 23-27 Kool Deadwood Nites Deadwood SD

Frequent Events

1Tues. Elroco Cruise Night Grand Forks ND 6:30-9:30.

2nd Tues. Elks Car Show Fargo ND 4-8:30 pm 3435 North Broadway.

Wed. Cruise Night Bismarck ND 6 to 9 pm Scotty's Drive-in.

Wed. Cruise Night Pelican Rapids MN 6:30 Main Street.

2nd Wed Cruise DL Detroit Lakes MN 4:00-8:30 pm West Lake Drive on the beach.

Thurs. Cruise Night Grand Forks ND 6-8:30 pm Culvers Restaurant.

1st Thursday Moorhead Cruise Night Moorhead MN 5-8:30 pm Downtown Center Avenue Moorhead. Starts in May.

2nd Thursday Barnesville MN Show "N" Shine 6-8 pm Downtown Barnesville.

3rd Thurs West Fargo Cruz Night West Fargo ND 4:30-9 pm Sheyenne