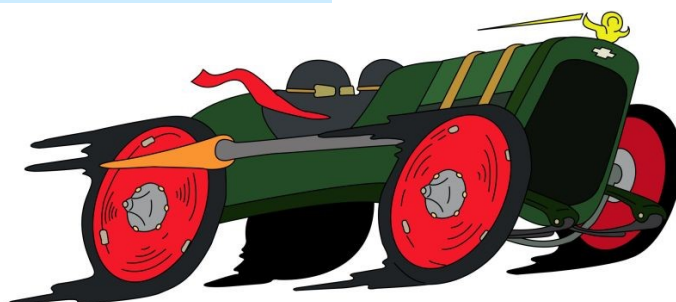
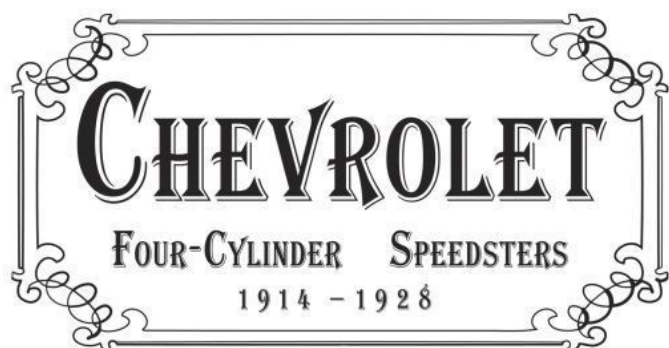


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Gear Chatter

This is a special report on the "29th National VCCA Four Cylinder Tour" held in Park Rapids, Minnesota on June 20-24, 2021.

Miles to Go!

Mark Garcia



VCCA NATIONAL FOUR-CYLINDER MEET

Sunday, June 20 was check-in day. Most of the attendees stayed at the host motel, while a few stayed at a campground nearby. The weather was pleasant with a light touch of rain in the morning. It remained grey and overcast the remainder of the day. Most of the group had dinner in town. Park Rapids is a vacation destination, consequently, there were many restaurants in the quaint downtown area. Later that afternoon, the ice cream social was held at a park in town.

Each of the participant received a goodie bags with an itinerary, maps, pamphlets, and a roster of attendees. I was surprised to see six speedster members on the roster. Including myself, Dave Cufr, Ron Holter, David Blair, Denny Christianson, and Pat McGowen attended the meet. Later in the week we gained two new members, Tom Koskovich and Dean Echols. Welcome aboard gentlemen!

Day 1: Monday morning, we gathered outside the motel for the drivers' meeting. Our first stop was downtown Park Rapids, where a group photo would be taken of all the cars, followed by another group photo that included the drivers and the participants. Arrangements had been made to use a lift giving the image an aerial perspective.

Next stop: Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge. The refuge covers 43,000 acres and is host to over 258 species of birds and 50 species of mammals. The land is characterized by rolling forested hills, interspersed with shallow lakes, rivers, marshes and shrub swamps. Many of us saw portions of the refuge that were not planned, when we exited the main road prematurely. After driving a distance we noticed there were no tire tracks matching those of a narrow 450-21 tire, it was time to turn around. Returning to main road, we rejoined the group.



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Day 2: Lake Itasca Park & Mississippi Headwaters was established in 1891. Itasca is Minnesota's oldest State Park. In this 32,000-acre sanctuary, the mighty Mississippi River begins its 2,552-mile journey to the Gulf of Mexico. Our venture started with a boat ride on Lake Itasca. After the boat ride we drove around the lake to the actual beginnings of the mighty Mississippi; it was only ankle deep and five feet wide!



Above: Chester Charles II

Right: Pat McGowen and Mark Garcia

Below: The inauspicious source of the Mississippi River.



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Day 2: The day concluded with a fish fry at the lake front cabin of speedster members Tom and Mary Koskovich.



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Day 3: We drove to the Minnesota State Badoura Nursery and learned about the process of growing seedlings of native trees for replanting throughout the state. Speedster member David Blair took aerial photos with his drone.

Next, we drove to Hackensack to have lunch at the American Legion Post 202. After lunch we drove Akeley to see the gigantic statue of Paul Bunyan.



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Day 4: Before departing for breakfast, we assembled in front of the "Salvage Depot" located next to the hotel for a group photo taken by David Blair's drone. The rest of the day we were free drive around the town of Park Rapids. I followed John and Pat Wolfe in their 1928 roadster to the Park Rapids Tractor and Engine club and to a gift shop.



Left:

Breakfast at Heartland park along the Fish Hook River.

Below:

Visiting the gift shop across the street from the host motel.



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Day 4: The evening concluded with a banquet held at the **American Legion Post 212**. Verlyn received a round of applause for organizing the tours. On behalf of the Speedster Chapter, we present Verlyn with a speedster ball cap and Mary and Tom Koskovich with moose aprons for hosting the fish fry Tuesday evening at their lake front cabin.

Thank you Verlyn!



Left:

Thank you
Mary and Tom
Koskovich!



THE AMERICAN LEGION

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Above:

Lining up on Park Rapid's historic Main Street for group photo.

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Below:

National Four Cylinder registrar Gerri Johnson and husband Dennis.



Above:

National Four Cylinder Co-Chairman, Jim Farris and daughter Theresa.

Chevrolet Four-Cylinder Speedsters

Mission Statement

The purpose of the Chapter is to unite owners of Chevrolet Four-Cylinder Speedsters, 1914-1928 and to share construction knowledge and experience.

Chapter Motto

All men dream but not equally. Those who dream by night in the dusty recesses of their minds, wake in the day to find that it is vanity. But the dreamers of the day are dangerous men for they act their dream with open eyes, to make it possible. T.E. Lawrence

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