



Look out - here I come

Local MPP Gord Smith of Orillia and his 1900 Mobile steam car whistled their way into the Ste. Marie Among the Hurons parking lot to participate in the display of antique cars held there last Monday. Smith's son John acted as local organizer for the Antique Automobile Club of America tour.

Puttered to Sainte Marie

They sputtered, wheezed, coughed and chugged their way into the Ste. Marie Among the Hurons parking lot last Monday, but eventually the majority of the fifty-four antique cars participating in the 4th Reliability Tour of the Antique Automobile Club of America coasted to a (thankful) stop and their occupants disembarked for a guided tour of the historic site.

Some of these ancient beauties came from as far away as Florida and California, though the majority were from Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey. Model T Fords unquestionably outnumbered other participants 2 to 1, but it was the rarer specimens that attracted the most attention. The 1912 cream Packard sports with its bronze moveable searchlight and immaculate paint job drew people like a magnet, and the 1900 single cylinder Oldsmobile (the oldest car on display) with its tiller steering prompted a number of "how do you steer it" queries.

The participants in this reliability tour have

made Orillia their home base and will be taking day excursions to Kirkfield and Midhurst during the week. The tour is designed to test the road worthiness of the antique cars, all of which date back to before 1914 and to provide antique car

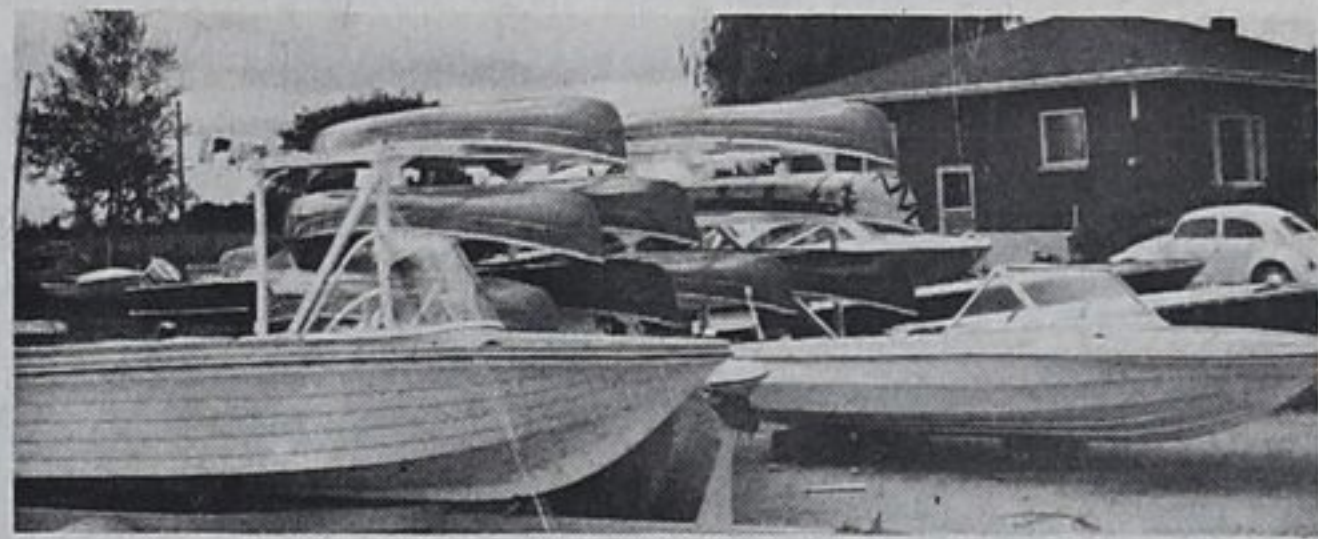
owners the opportunity to tour different areas, compare notes and have "a load of fun" in the process. Judging by the enthusiasm of the crowds who turned out to eye these antique marvels, half the fun for these car owners has to be meeting

antique car novices and experts, and fielding the many, often bizarre questions.

One interested (though not necessarily informed) visitor was even overheard asking a bemused owner: "Does it run?"

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Orillia man fined \$6,000

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Between September 19 to October 10, 1975, the company breached the safety act regulations covering the use of a ramp less than 19" wide, uncovered openings in the floor, absence of guardrails around floor openings and the building perimeter and an improperly constructed platform used at a height of more than eight feet.

The company was fined \$1,000 for contravention of the act and an additional \$1,000 for not complying with an order issued by a Ministry of Labour Construction Safety Inspector to correct the problems.

Early in 1976 the company was again fined \$2,000 for similar offences. Another \$2,000 was levied for failing to correct the hazardous conditions.

The site of the construction is a residential project on Lankin Boulevard in Orillia.

North Simcoe obituaries

Phyllis Cruise passed away at St. Andrew's

Phyllis Cruise (nee Crawford) of Port McNicoll passed away on Tuesday, August 3rd at St. Andrew's Hospital, Midland, in her 54th year. Mother of Ted, Gail (Mrs. M. Hamelin), Danny and Dennis, all of Midland, grandmother of Kevin, Shelly, Kim and Cathy Joe, she was also

sister of Myrtle Perrault of Port McNicoll, Eddy and Burton of Midland, Garnet of Pointe au Baril and the late Evelyn, Minnie, Gerald and Lloyd. Funeral services were held on Friday, August 6th at the James H. Lynn Funeral Homes Ltd., Midland, with interment at Lakeview Cemetery, Midland.

9th for the late Ormal Edwards who passed away on Friday, August 6th. Beloved husband of Marie Trew of 870 Hugel Avenue in Midland, he was in his 75th year.

Dear father of Marlene (Mrs. Douglas Curry) of Wyebridge, loving grandfather of 5 grandchildren, he was brother of Manley, Nathan, Fred, Calvin and Eleanor Edwards, and Velma (Mrs. Jack Nixon), all of Wyebridge. Services were held at Nicholls Funeral Home,

Midland, with interment at Vasey Union Cemetery.

Memorial donations to the Ontario Heart Foundation would be appreciated.

New babies arrive

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Light of 759 Ontario Street on August 4 at St. Andrew's Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. David Ward announce the arrival on August 4 of a son. The family live at RR

1, Midland. On August 6 a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Lalonde of 591 Bay Street, Midland.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Brian Alves of Port McNicoll on August 6.

Mr. and Mrs. John Weyman of 738 Ontario Street, announce the arrival of a son on August 7.

On August 8 a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Larmand of 718 Ottawa Street in Midland.

Decline in deaths

Ontario statistics continue to show a decline in the number of traffic fatalities and injuries since the passing of the mandatory seat belt law and the lowering of speed limits on Ontario roads. According to James Snow, Minister of Transportation and Communications, 445 drivers and passengers were killed in the first six months of this year, compared to 511 a year ago; this represents a 12.9 per cent drop in traffic fatalities.

Injuries resulting from traffic accidents also showed a marked decline, as 6,765 fewer individuals were injured in the first half of 1976, a drop of 18.4 per cent.

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