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By Bob Murray
 An entourage of virtually silent-running, steam-powered vehicles comprising "Ontario Steam Tour '82" paid a short visit to Ste. Marie among the Hurons, Tuesday afternoon, as part of a 71-mile tour of central Simcoe County.

This year's tour was arranged and is being co-ordinated by former Simcoe East MPP Gord Smith of Orillia.

Twenty-seven vehicles of which 24 are "Stanley Steamers" are based in Orillia for the five-day tour and are making day-long excursions throughout Simcoe County.

The vintage vehicles, which were built during the period from 1900 to 1918, were brought in by their owners

from all over North America including Wyoming, Ohio and New Jersey for the tour.

Not being the most economical vehicle in the world, a mileage estimate given by one owner from Ohio was in the range of seven miles per gallon of kerosene.

The spectacular sight drew large crowds of onlookers as they arrived one by one and were parked for public viewing in a cordoned-off area of the Ste. Marie parking lot.

Shiny brass headlamps and gleaming wood trim along with immaculate pin-striped paint jobs reflected the magnificent restoration work involved in bringing back to life an all but forgotten era of automotive history.

Tiny Twp. Council

Kettle's Beach Ratepayers Association

Corrie Hamelin, secretary of the Kettle's Beach Ratepayer's Association, thanked Tiny Township councillors for "their continued interest in, and concern for, the people of our area," in a letter addressed to Guy Maurice, administrator.

"We especially appreciate the considerable expense of the Awenda Park road study, undertaken by you, regarding our transportation problems," the letter continued. "We are aware that a good deal of effort is required on the part of the Township Roads Department, in order to keep our road through the Park in fair condition. Please convey our appreciation to the personnel concerned."

The beach association stated they had one outstanding request, for reduced speed limit signs on the road. "Non-resident traffic, driving at speeds well beyond 50 km., is creating a dangerous situation for our residents, especially our children," the letter said.

Council was informed that the requested speed limit signs have been placed on the road.

Members of council and their families were invited to the Kettle Beach Picnic, which will take place on Saturday, August 28, weather permitting.

Delegate to Planner's Conference

A resolution was passed by Council approving the recommendation by Planning Board that the Planning Director will be delegated to attend the Ontario Planner's Conference. The Conference, sponsored by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, will be held in Toronto on Sept. 23-24.

Conversion Application Fee

The municipality will begin charging a fee of \$50, effective January '83, to the ratepayer requesting to have his "Seasonal Dwelling" classified as a "Permanent Home."

This service has been offered free of charge since 1977. Planning Director Roger Robitaille told council in March that the estimated cost to process these applications was approximately \$47.00.

Property owners have "one last chance" to submit their application prior to the fee coming into effect.

Soldier's Monument Ceremony

The annual memorial service at the Soldier's Monument in Waverley will be held this year on Sept. 12 at 2:30 p.m.

Reeve Morris Darby plans to attend again this year to honour those who gave their lives.

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