



# You "Auto" Know Newsletter

A Driving Force in Preserving Our Automotive Heritage

April 12, 2017

## This week in Automotive Heritage

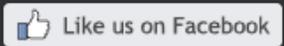
On April 13, 1931, the Ford Motor Co. produces its 20 millionth car.

The 20 millionth was a 1931 Model A slant windshield Town Sedan 160B. The serial number was stamped by Henry Ford himself on the engine block before driving it off the Rouge assembly line with Edsel in the passenger seat.

Ford used the car for promotional tours and display until being sold by the Henry Ford Museum to the Liimatainen family in Michigan's Upper Peninsula for \$550 in 1940. It is still owned by Rod Liimatainen.  
- Wayne Ferens



For more of these great historical features, visit the MotorCities Facebook page

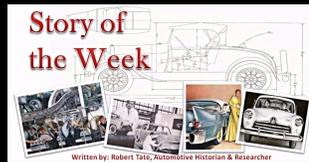


Automotive Hall of Fame announces

## Story of the Week

# Remembering the 1962 wide-track Pontiac models

By Robert Tate  
Automotive Historian and Researcher



With its restyled 1962 line-up, muscle car pioneers Pontiac reached new heights with its blend of engineering and new, wide-track design.

The 1962 Pontiacs were great looking designed automobiles featuring 14 versatile wide-track models in four distinctive series. The models were introduced to the public on Tuesday, Sept. 12, 1961. The late Mr. Simon E. Knudson, General Motors vice president and Pontiac's Motor Division general manager said at the time, "Pontiac intends to continue its leadership of the medium price class in 1962 with an imposing line of new cars which

are unparalleled in beauty, performance, handling, reliability and riding comfort."

For more of our latest Story of the Week, click below:



[Learn More](#)

Events

## 2017 inductees



The Automotive Hall of Fame has announced its 2017 class with the annual event set for Thursday, July 20 at Cobo Center in Detroit, MI. The mission of the Automotive Hall of Fame is to recognize the icons whom have made outstanding contributions to the automotive industry. The museum is located on the campus of The Henry Ford in Dearborn, MI.

This year's class includes:

- Alberto Bombassei - Industry pioneer in braking systems who led the growth of Brembo.
- August Fruehauf - Founder of the Fruehauf Trailer Company; credited with inventing the semi-trailer.
- Jack Roush - American motorsports icon and a distinguished automotive entrepreneur.
- Ed Welburn - Just the sixth head of design at General Motors, Welburn established a legendary career in auto design and styling over 44 years.

## Final Notice: Annual Meeting set for April 19



The MotorCities National Heritage Area will return to the ornate setting of Meadow Brook Hall for its 2017 Annual Meeting set for Wednesday, April 19, starting at 11 a.m.

The public is welcome to come and review what was an amazing 2016 for the MotorCities, and to look forward to special projects coming this year. Light refreshments will be served.

If you are planning to attend, you must submit your RSVP by **today**, so we can provide a head count to Meadow Brook Hall. Click the link below to make your reservation.

[Learn More](#)

### Latest News

## Gilmore Car Museum campus open for season

Now that the spring air has returned to Michigan, the Gilmore Car Museum has opened its

campus for what promises to be a great 2017 season.

On a 90-acre historic campus midway between Detroit and Chicago automotive history comes to life right before your eyes. Stroll the campus, eat lunch in our authentic Blue Moon Diner, and walk right up to an amazing collection of over 400 vintage automobiles and motorcycles. It's the ultimate experience for everyone, including the young and the young at heart.



For more information on the Gilmore and upcoming special events, please click below:

[Learn More](#)

## Save the Date: Motor Boats & Motor Cars returns July 19



Our fun-tastic Motor Boats & Motor Cars event will return to the Rattlesnake Club in Detroit on July 19, 2017. Last year, we hosted over 100 people for an evening of

food, festivities and a ferry ride showcasing auto and labor history along the Detroit River.

So mark the date on those calendars and we hope to see everybody back for another great event! In the meantime, check out our write-up and some photos from last year's event by clicking below.

[Learn More](#)

Find MotorCities on the web at [www.MotorCities.org](http://www.MotorCities.org)

On Social Media:

 Like us on Facebook

Follow us on **twitter**

FOLLOW US ON *Pinterest*

 View on Instagram

View our videos on **You Tube**