



September 2015



Perspective. It's about how YOU view things. I have already heard talk about how the summer is over now because Labor Day is just around the corner. People are getting their families back to school, closing up their cabins, and breaking out the winter wardrobes (yes, I wore a light jacket to work one day last week). At work, we already have our Western Plow order received and people are starting to call for pricing and getting those repair parts they put off last year.

Myself, I have finally found some ambition and started the rear disc brake swap I have teased about for the past few months. So far, I have taken all the drum brake stuff off and spent way too much time trying to figure out the mounting and spacing of my rear calipers. I already have the new master/booster combo from Summit and my calipers and rotors from GM. As I write this, I just today received my new laser cut spacers which should take care of the offset problem and hopefully making everything line up easily. I should be able to get back to it in the next week or so and hope to still drive it before the snow flies.

Speaking of the colder weather, I have fond memories of when I was high school, driving my Camaro all the way up until the flakes flew. The defroster didn't work well. I had to let the car warm up, then blast the heat so the windshield wouldn't fog up. I still keenly remember seeing the old cars sitting there in the parking lot with their under hood brace shapes easily seen through the light dew or frost. It was no fun when I had to go park it in storage for the winter, and the anticipation of getting it out consumed my wandering mind during school. Spring break was a wonderful time, mainly because I could go get my car, drive it, and show it to my new girlfriend at the time. I'm sure we'll all get to that springtime point soon enough, but for now go out and drive it.

Part of why we picked September for Cruise for Troops is because there was a distinct need for a "last cruise" before the chance of snow. Weather is always a concern, but our event happens either way. The route is planned, posted on the website shown, and new this year will be spectator viewing areas on the route for the communities we're going through. Make sure you save the \$5 and pre-register too! Keep your ears open for it on KQRS and BOB106fm, and there's more to come on the new paperless silent auction! See you there.

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Since we're on the topic of stuff most people in the world never even thought was necessary:

It's almost time to store our cars for the winter. Not everyone has their own climate controlled private garage stall (with checkerboard floor?), or even space at home to store a spare car at all. That Camaro I mentioned on page one? It was stored in a pole barn at a farm in Vermillion (population 419 and covers 620 acres—the town, not the farm). One concern I had like all of us storing cars, is rodents. We'll cover storage tips and tricks next month, but for now, think about protection. You need to wrap that rascal. You need to create a force field around it. You need to vacuum pack it. Enter the Showcase from Car Capsule.

This is different than other car bubbles you might have seen. Inflatable columns hold the walls and ceiling away from the car. You can still unzip a panel for access; even open the car door if you want. Once the columns are inflated, just drive the car in. What about the stale air situation? Air (filtered) is exchanged 3-5 times per hour, and that keeps any temperature difference in check so there isn't any moisture or condensation problem either. The 10mil thick walls and 18mil thick floor are mildew, flame, and abrasion resistant as well as being impervious to oil, gas, and antifreeze.



The two questions we all have now are cost to buy and cost to use. Their 18 foot long unit comes in regular and "tall", and retails for \$425-\$450. The air fan is a 12 volt 150 cfm unit with washable filter and they *say* the electric cost is about \$1.50 per month. Considering the cost of a good cover, this really isn't too far off, plus it's like having a giant one of those collectable die-cast cars complete with case. Oh yeah, if the power goes out, it becomes a regular cover until it can reinflate with the return of power.

Looking for a new home? This guy is selling.
Cars are not included, but the house price is
actually pretty reasonable.



Every month I try to find interesting products or articles that hopefully make sense and are maybe even useful to our members. I'm looking for feedback from our members about our club and what everyone wants to see in the upcoming year. You can contact me privately if you wish, but I want to hear from members on articles you want to see, topics you want covered, and it would be really cool if anyone else wanted to submit content.

Part of my job involves driving to various repair shops across the Twin Cities and surrounding areas. Every so often I come across vintage cars sitting in parking lots, in the weeds, or off in a shop's corner. All of these pictures were taken within the last 3 months, and all of them were in public view. I'm sure they all have promises of being finished someday too.



Yes, it's real.
It's in Blaine.



As seen in some small town between New Ulm and Walnut Grove.