

**Spring 2020**  
**March, April, May**



## Springtime Newsletter

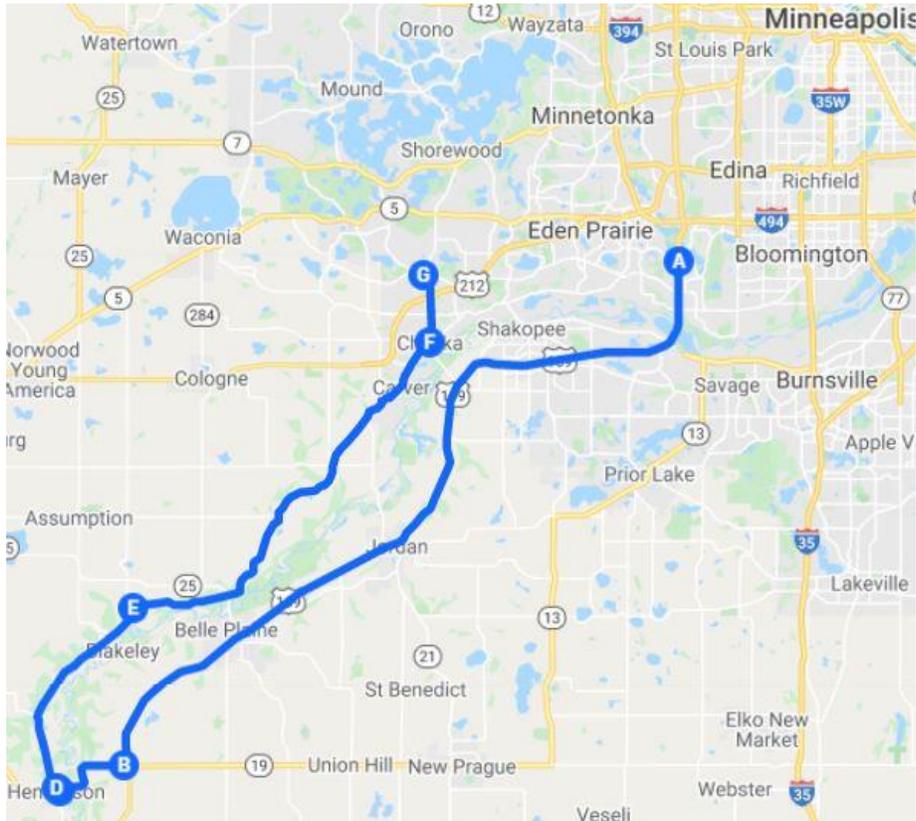
**February Recap** – A post-holiday recovery night of fun and games was held at Hank and Karen’s house for the February club meeting. The gathering was setup as a potluck with guests bringing great treats such as Rhubarb torte, Cheesecake platter, dips and of course crock-pot items! I was not able to attend as many winter weekends we travel for my daughter’s gymnastics tournaments around the state. Much appreciation to Hank and Karen for hosting again this year!

**March** – Unfortunately, most of our lives changed dramatically as COVID-19 really picked up steam. The scheduled tour at the Commemorative Air Force Minnesota Wing in South St. Paul to view the planes, vehicles and displays was cancelled a few weeks beforehand. Those of you that have attended the Osceola air show in Wisconsin possibly saw one of the museum’s airplanes. As a result of the abrupt change there was no formal club meeting in March.

**April** – The club planned to tour Tolerance Masters, Inc., in Blaine on the 18<sup>th</sup>. With COVID guidelines that suggested distancing the club event was canceled. The club began to ponder other event options as we were all monitoring progress on the typical summer car shows (Back to 50’s, Street Machine Nationals, Hastings, Powercruise, Good guys, etc.).

**May** – The club planned to host a working technical session at Randy Lewis’ place in North Branch. Once again COVID reared its ugly head and so the club shifted gears to a club cruise.

Kudos to Hank, Jenny and others for helping plan a route. Our club gathered off Highway 169 and Anderson Lakes Parkway a little after 10 AM. There was a solid turn-out and it was fun to catch up and see familiar faces and meet new ones. The beautiful line of Chevelles (and some friendly cars) headed south on 169 and west “through” Henderson and onto Chaska on our way back to the cities. The drive was scenic!



The Cruise Route



Meeting at the Gathering Point

Personally, this was my first official “car cruise” of my life and I had a great time!

Unexpectedly the cruise route included a section in Henderson that was under construction with a Road Closed sign. We all paused, pondered, and contemplated the next steps.



Did we take a wrong turn at Albuquerque?

Fortunately, a local came through from the other direction and noted the newly paved road was only a mile long and connected at the other side! Of course, our group took the path of least resistance and continued. A few of us took an opportunity to ensure tire traction versus pavement met our unofficial approval!



Ahh fresh pavement

For lunch we spread out in the parking lot at Jonathan Elementary School and held our monthly club meeting. The cloudy day made for a comfortable trip and the rain held off long enough for us to enjoy lunch and catch-up. I had fun learning about Pat and Jeanne Brewer's collection as we had never met before. Although I was caught in the rain it was a good reminder to either repair my wiper motor or at least spray on some Rain-ex!



Our Club Gathering While Distancing!

**June** – The club will continue to monitor COVID and attempt to adjust accordingly. A few events such as Back to 50s and Hastings have been cancelled. Street Machine Nationals is still up in the air.

## **Trivia, Fun Facts, Random Notes**

### **Drive-Ins...**

In a previous newsletter I had a segment on the Galaxy drive-in located in St. Louis Park. Apparently, the owner found a new restaurant operator and will start serving food this summer! More to come noting that COVID must make it challenging to open any new restaurants. On a related note, from what I can tell, Wagner's Drive-in is still up and running. Best wishes to all those small business owners.

### **Newsletters and COVID**

I want to thank Jenny for continuing to send out meeting minutes and agendas. My world came to a major shift in March with our ten-year-old daughter's school and sports. On top of that I manage engineers at two medical device manufacturing plants and one of them temporarily closed due to COVID. My life was really flipped upside down as I worked many early, late and weekend hours to support my daughter's schooling and work demand. As you can see this newsletter has been condensed from the standard monthly newsletters. Most likely the remainder of this year will continue with quarterly (June/July/August) newsletter updates. I appreciate the club members' patience.

### **Tools**

The next newsletter will catch up on useful tools.

### **Sources**

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