

Early Ford Racer To Join Featured Chryslers at St. Ignace Show This Weekend

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late father's early-century Ford and prepare it for exhibition at car shows in the state. He entered the car into antique shows in Grayling and Cheboygan last summer.

"I decided to start taking it to a few shows. . . . This might be the first major show," he said about entering the car into the St. Ignace show. "I'm kind of wet around the ears. It's all kind of new to me."

Ryan DeVries, a classic automobile restorer in Grand Rapids, helped get the dormant automobile running again. Mr. Terry said only minimal work was needed to get the car in working order, including draining

and replacing its fluids and cleaning the carburetor and transmission.

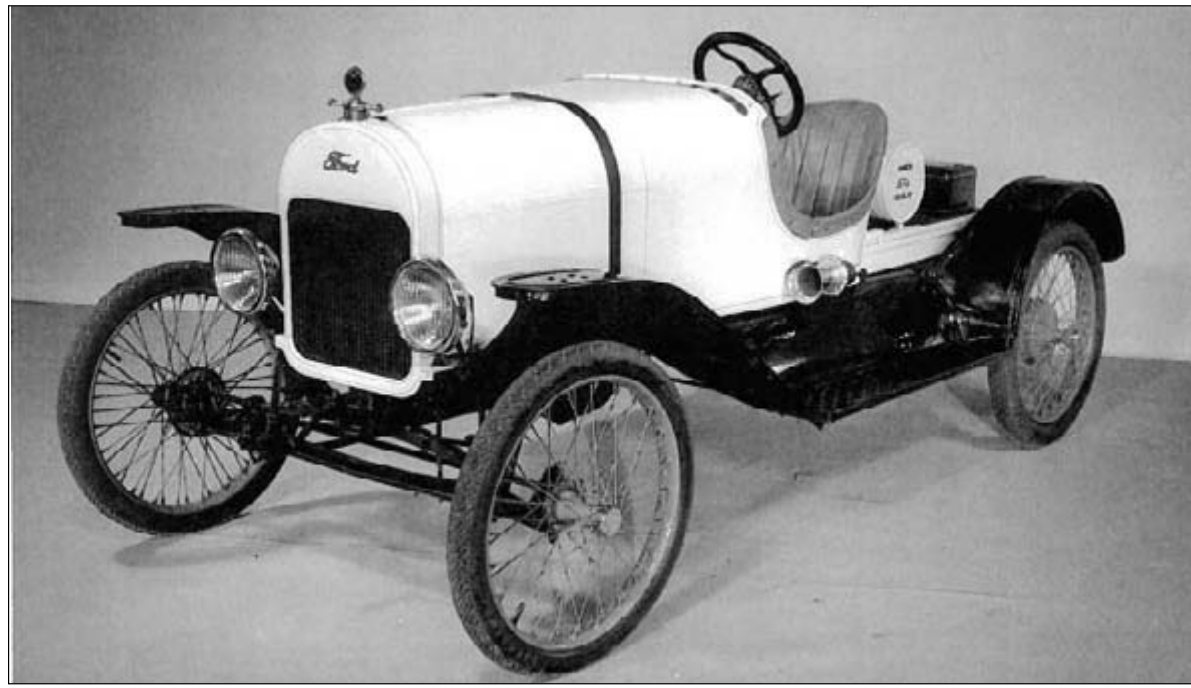
He enjoys driving the two-seated automobile around town, even when going to pick up a few things at the local grocery store.

"I've probably drove the car more in the last year than the car has been driven by our family" since it was purchased in 1965, he said. "When the weather is nice, we'll take it out for a spin. She just spits and sputters and just goes down the road."

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The restored Ford has a four-cylinder, two-speed, 20-horsepower engine under the hood and is capable of reaching speeds up to 62 miles per hour. It has two seats, a crank-starter, and weighs about 1,200 pounds.



Soon after restoration was completed in 1959, the car was exhibited in car shows around the

country. In 1959 and 1960 it was awarded junior and senior first prizes, respectively, at the

Antique Automobiles Club of America's annual national spring meets. Those same years, it also won back-to-back first prizes at the Old Car Festival at Greenfield Village in Dearborn. The car was featured at the Henry Ford Museum's Sports Cars in Review show in 1960 and 1965.

The 1915 vehicle was driven on the Indianapolis Motor

At left: This 1915 Ford-Ames Racer, which was converted into a race car in the late 1950s from a Model T, has sat in storage for almost 40 years. It will appear in the 13th Annual Antiques on the Bay car show in St. Ignace this weekend. (Photograph courtesy of Bob Terry)

Speedway in 1959 and was in car shows in Ohio, Indiana, New York, Pennsylvania, and Delaware before being purchased by Glen Terry.

Bob Terry plans to enter the car into next September's Sports Cars in Review show at the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn.

His 94-year-old Ford race car will be among those appearing in the Mackinac Bridge Rally and parade through St. Ignace Friday, June 19, and will be on display all day Saturday. A wide variety of vintage cars and trucks will be on display at the marina, American Legion Park, Mackinac Grille, and Star Line Dock parking lots. Admission to the show is free.

Classic Chryslers will be the featured cars this year.

Road Commission Limits Use of Its Property by Contractors

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Mr. Heckman said the agreement would enable the commission to profit from the use of its property, but he said this was not an effort to compete with other storage businesses. Preventing liabilities is the primary goal of the draft, he said.

The commission unanimously adopted the draft. The private contractors using commission property were notified that they have 30 days to remove their materials from the commission lots.

The commission may need to periodically check on the sites until the new policy becomes well known, Mr. Heckman said.

Complaint Letter Addressed

The commission took no action but heard concerns from an excavating company owner about a perceived abuse of power by another

contracting company.

Eric Gibbons of Gibbons Excavating sent a letter to the road commission concerning another contractor's perceived unfair business advantage, as an inspector for the Mackinac County Road Commission. To obtain a permit application for new driveways or any roadwork involving the Mackinac County Road Commission on the Bois Blanc Island, Mr. Gibbons' letter stated, Mr. Gibbons must send an application to his competitor, who conducts inspections for the board. The competing business would then be able to obtain Mr. Gibbons' customer information, he said. Mr. Gibbons requested a written response to his concerns.

Although Mr. Gibbons was also concerned that the other business-

man would be in a position to approve his own company's work permit applications more quickly than Mr. Gibbons' applications, Mr. Heckman told *The St. Ignace News* this concern is unfounded, as the contractor does not have the power to sign and issue his own work permits. Approving permits is a power that lies solely with the Mackinac Road Commission, Mr. Heckman said.

The commission decided during the meeting that there is no conflict of interest, as stated in Mr. Gibbons' letter.

Both contractors declined to comment further on the matter.

Borgstrom Road Work Begins Next Summer

The Road Commission discussed plans to begin work on the five mile Borgstrom Road next construction season. The project will be paid with the \$850,000 stimulus funds the commission received. The funds were initially allocated for work on Mackinac Trail, although the National Forest Service has received stimulus funding that will be used for the trail.

No Local GM Dealerships To Close

Of the 12 General Motors dealerships within 100 miles of St. Ignace, Fox Motor Group in Charlevoix is the only one expected to be shut down by October 31, 2010. General Motors (GM) announced Wednesday, May 13, it would not renew franchise agreements with more than 1,000 GM and GM-brand dealerships, almost one-quarter of its U.S. dealerships.

Sadler-Rodenroth Motors in

Sault Ste. Marie and Newberry Motors in Newberry are the only two GM franchises in the Eastern Upper Peninsula.

One dealership in the Upper Peninsula is confirmed to be losing its agreement with the Detroit automaker, Courtesy Chevrolet-Pontiac-Buick in Ontonagon.

The auto maker ultimately plans to cut about one-third of its approximate 6,200 U.S. dealerships.

Wes Pechta Recuperating After Fall

Wes Pechta is out of the hospital and recuperating at his home on Brevort Lake Road. In early May, after wintering in California, he fell while at his daughter's home near Grand Rapids, and broke his

arm. Three days later, he had his gallbladder removed. He is mending nicely and continues to gain strength daily, reported Laurie Steiner of St. Ignace. He enjoys hearing from his many friends.

LaSalle Class of 1979 Planning July 10, 11 Reunion at St. Ignace

The LaSalle High School Class of 1979 will hold its 30th class reunion Friday, July 10, and Saturday, July 11, and the responses have been slow coming in, reported Laurie Steiner of St. Ignace. Responses are encouraged and may be phoned in to Jean Massaway at 643-6981 or e-

mailed to Laurie Steiner at lsteiner@eup.k12.mi.us.

Commuter Policy To Be Set in July

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the regular rate of \$3.50 for passenger vehicles as of January 1, 2010. If a return trip takes place within 24 hours, the return trip will only cost 10¢. The total cost for the commute would be \$3.60, or a discounted rate of \$1.80 per trip.

Proposal two: Customers can use their card to cross the bridge at the regular rate of \$3.50 for passenger vehicles as of January 1, 2010, and must cross a minimum of 12 times in a calendar year, and take a return trip within 24 hours to get the discount. The total cost for the commute would be \$3.60, or a discounted rate of \$1.80 per trip.

The Authority's Fares, Fees, and Classifications Committee will host the hearing. The committee will also accept written comments through e-mail and mail until 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 8. E-mail comments can be sent to parsonsb@michigan.gov, and mailed letters to Mackinac Bridge Authority, North 415 I-75, St. Ignace, MI 49781.

Tightening its commuter policy, the Authority says, is necessary to curtail abuses of the discount, the same reason the Authority previously stopped using its commuter tokens. For the past year, the Authority has sought to define who

would qualify for the commuter discount, and has considered geography and frequency of use among its criteria.

There is currently no limit on how long a commuter has to recross the bridge.

In March 2008, toll rates were increased from \$2.50 for a regular passenger car to \$3, and from \$1.50 to \$1.60 for a commuter passenger car. In a planned incremental hike of 10¢ per year, the commuter rate is now \$1.70.

The minimum deposit on commuter cards was also increased last August, from \$40 to \$80, and a one-time fee to process the account rose from \$5 to \$10. In its most recent decision about the commuter program, the \$80 minimum deposit on the cards was rolled back to \$50 by the Authority in December 2008.

The Authority plans to increase tolls 50¢ every two years until 2014, when passenger tolls will reach \$4.50. Commuter tolls climb 10¢ every year to \$2.20.

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Brevort Township would like to extend a BIG THANK YOU to the following for their help in the Township Clean-up on June 13.

Robert Fraser, president of Maverick Construction, for bringing his equipment and providing all day support. Without his help this wouldn't have been the success that it was.

Sue Stelzer, our township clerk, who made all the arrangements with the waste removal companies.

Dan Litzner, who provided the much appreciated refreshments.

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