



Streetcar CURRENTS

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MSM BEGINS NO. 1300 BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION WITH CLASSIC CAR RALLY

On June 1, 2008 MSM began its season-long series of events that will celebrate the 100th birthday of TCRT streetcar No. 1300 with a rally of old cars that were built from the early 1900s until the mid-1950s. What a great day and a very successful event! Credit for organizing the event should go to **Dave Irey**. But there were many, many people also involved in the event so I'll let Dave tell us more.

“What a day we had on June 1st. Great weather, 80-plus autos and mostly smooth streetcar operations. We hauled lots of passengers (over 760 riders!) and it was a great day financially. I talked to many of the classic car owners present and they all told me that they want to make this rally an annual event.

We need to thank several people who did a great job of helping to make the rally the success that it was. **Bill Arends** and **Bud Goldstein** carvassed all the people living on Queen Avenue and got them to agree to close the street so the cars could be displayed. **Jim Willmore** made the car show signs and laminated them. **Charles Barthold** made the traditional show buttons and did a great job on them. **Jackie Irey** and **Heidi Johnson** staffed the registration table. **Tim** and **James Johnson** and **Jim Harrison** helped with traffic control. **Jim Vaitkunas** printed the tickets given to the car owners. **Jim Otto** gave me several suggestions on publicity. **Paul Dudek** volunteered to lead the car cruise at 4 PM when our leader was called away unexpectedly.

All in all, for a first-time event I think it went very well. Thanks to all who helped prepare for the event and during the event. And I apologize if I didn't mention anyone—I was a busy fellow that day!” **Dave Irey**



Classic car owners checked-in with **Jackie Irey** and **Heidi Johnson** shown here at the check-in table.



Both streetcars were busy the entire afternoon. On the right is **Scott Heiderich** reducing the curve noise thru grease application.



(Left) Here's **Dave Irey** directing one of the classic car drivers to a parking spot on Queen Avenue. I'm not that familiar with classic cars but I believe that the car is a Packard.

All photos shown in this photo supplement were taken by **Jim Vaitkunas**.

Below Photos – Some oldy but goodies.



(Above Left) Several of our members own classic cars and drove them over to the rally. Here's **Jim Willmore** proudly standing next to his beautiful Ford Model A.

(Above Right) This is **Keith Lindberg's** Ford Model T truck. Other members who brought classic cars included **Barney Olson**, but I didn't get a photo of his car..



(Above left) **Howie Melco** is seen here talking to some lovely ladies who visited us dressed in period costumes. (Above right) No 1300 is approaching the 42nd Street crossing while people admire the classic cars parked on Queen Avenue.



(Above left) Our passengers were given an opportunity to learn a little about streetcar history at the Isaacs carbarn. Here a group is greeted by **John Diers** as they get off No. 1300. **Tom Balcom** also helped out with the educational experience at the Isaacs carbarn and **Dennis** and **Andy Stephens** provided more information inside the Isaacs carbarn. (Above right) Here another group is seen departing the Isaacs carbarn to board the streetcar to return to the Linden Hills station.



(Above left) Both **John Diers** and **Aaron Isaacs** gave talks inside Duluth Street Railway No. 265. Here you see **Aaron** talking to our passengers about some facet of Twin City streetcar history. (Above right) Display boards were also placed inside No. 265 depicting various aspects of Twin City streetcar History.