

**PCS Northland Chapter
2011 Spring Fling Meet
April 28-May 1 (Thursday-Sunday)
Minneapolis / St. Paul, Minnesota area**

The officers of the PCS Northland Chapter welcome you to this annual event, marking the official start to the Classic Car Season. It has been a long winter and we are ready to play cars! Many of our meet attendees come from great distances to join us each year for this event. We know that it is not merely a “drive around the block” so we create enticing agendas to make the trip worthwhile. This year is no exception.

Host Hotel

Country Inn & Suites – Forest Lake, MN
1954 Broadway
Forest Lake, MN 55025
(651) 982-9799

Make your reservation in the block of rooms reserved under “*Professional Car Society – Northland Chapter*” by April 13 to qualify for the special rate of \$84 / night (plus tax). This includes a complimentary breakfast buffet, which rivals most restaurants. We have used this hotel as our headquarters for Northland Chapter meets over the past few years and have received positive feedback from guests. It is located just off Interstate 35, about ½ hour north of the Twin Cities and is convenient to many local restaurants and amenities.

Agenda

Thursday, April 28

The meet officially begins at 5:30 PM with a welcome session in the hotel lobby. This will be immediately followed by a motorcade an easy 13 miles through the countryside to Ham Lake Lanes in Ham Lake for dinner and an evening bowling party. Our Mid-Winter meet bowling party was so well received that we decided to put it on the agenda for this meet too. Ham Lake Lanes is providing us with a complimentary meeting room and a special rate of just \$6.00 / person for shoe rental and three games of bowling. Dinner is “order off the menu” from the in-house restaurant. Bring your photos and enjoy an evening of food, bowling, and pro- car socializing! Ham Lake Lanes is located at 16465 Highway 65 NE, Ham Lake, MN 55304. (763) 434-6010.

Friday, April 29

8:00 AM – Join us as we leave the hotel, en route to Minneapolis / St. Paul for a day of touring. We’ll start off by visiting the Northwestern Casket Company in New Hope, and conclude the day with a visit to the new HealthEast Medical Transportation facility in St. Paul. In between, you will be treated to a sightseeing tour around the Twin Cities, highlighting many of the old ambulance and livery buildings that still exist today. Learn about well-known names from the past including Smith, Martin, Olsen, James, Nye Brothers, Adam & Hense, and Road Rescue.

See some of the actual buildings, historic photos, and meet some of the people who worked back in the “good ‘ol days.” We will make a lunch stop at a great family-owned place in northeast Minneapolis called Kramarczuk’s. Located on East Hennepin Avenue, this restaurant and market is known for authentic European cuisine. Learn more by visiting their website at www.kramarczuk.com

And remember...you haven’t had sausage until you’ve had Kramarczuk’s sausage! Kramarczuk’s is located at 215 East Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55413.
(612) 379-3018.

Friday evening will be free for dinner on your own and socializing at the hotel.

Saturday, April 30

8:00 AM – Motorcade leaves the hotel for another popular Northland destination: French Lake Auto Parts in rural Annandale, MN. This place is an old car enthusiast’s delight whether parts are needed or not. Where else can you find acres upon acres of old cars, dating back to the 1920s? French Lake is a family-owned business, catering to the old car hobby with their theory of “don’t crush ‘em, part ‘em!” Many old cars around the world are still on the road today thanks to the Nolan family and the staff of FLAP. Check them out on the web at www.frenchlakeautoparts.com. They are located at 3531 County Road 3 NW, Annandale, MN 55302. It is about 75 miles out to French Lake from the hotel and takes about 1 ½ hours traveling time.

We’ll give you a few hours to rummage around French Lake, then it’s off for a 30 mile-cruise through the Minnesota countryside to Lester Prairie, MN where Fred and Jerry Pawelk, owners of North Central Ambulance have invited us to stop by and see their collection of old ambulances. We won’t give away any surprises here; you’ll just have to come along and see what they have! We will also meet a Lester Prairie local who has a collection of old hearses. Check out North Central on the web at www.northcentralambulance.com
They are located at 18448 County Road 9, Lester Prairie, MN 55354.

Saturday evening will be free for dinner on your own and socializing at the hotel.

Sunday, May 1

Show Day! We’ll be up early for breakfast and heading down to the Minnesota State Fairgrounds for the 24th annual Spring Extravaganza Car Show & Swap Meet. This is a spectacular event and we are always given a warm welcome and choice parking area for our cars. Bring your lawn chairs and coolers...the Northland Chapter’s “hospitality area” will be open on the grass by the cars throughout the day. Those of you who have been to this show should have received a flyer and registration form in the mail. Those who need one can visit www.gopherstatebuick.org. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Tony Karsnia at kars971@aol.com or (612) 325-2344. Please let Tony know if you are planning to attend so we know how many people to expect for the tours.