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# DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Greetings from the top of our hill. The new year seems to be starting off with a whimper this time. I was actually driving a Crosley on the street in December, and here in Minnesota, that just ain't right! We also use a Crosley forklift in the storage barn at my Son & Daughter-in-law's place for moving and stacking. Thank goodness for them having such a nice place and allowing the "old man" to keep his treasures in storage there.

So, this is the big year in our household as both of us officially retired this Fall. Now we have the time to do all those things that have eluded us for years. With that in mind, my wife and I promptly jumped in the car and drove to Florida for a weekend. Not just any weekend, but the Florida Region Meet weekend at Seagate, the Crosley Estate in Sarasota. We also stopped in Paducah, Kentucky to see Crosley of Kentucky, Gerald Davenport proprietor. More on that visit in an upcoming issue.

We also stopped to see some wonderful Classic Car Club friends in Atlanta, where we stayed the night. Jan and I were treated to some real Southern Hospitality. The rest of the story is detailed in the cover story in the center of this issue.

There were a few of us at the Wauseon National Meet in July, where the North Star Region sponsored a neat tour of the worlds largest Corvette dealership. A special thanks to Jim Bollman of New York for leading the tour, and also Ed Limke of Sioux Falls, South Dakota for letting me ride along with him. We had brought a restoration project 49 sedan to sell (it did), and had no Crosley to drive on the tour. There were about a dozen Crosleys and we had a great visit to the dealership home of Americas 2nd great Sports Car.

Our regular Monday monthly meetings at the Columbia Heights location have been spirited discussion forums, not confined to Crosley issues. There will be some technical stuff in 2007 and we will be doing some rebuilding of fuel pumps and carburetors.

In July there is the Crosley Nationals in Wauseon Ohio. The North Star Region sponsors a short Friday morning tour. It is a great time, a real Crosley swap meet, a show field of a 100 cars or more. Try to make this one.

*Fred S.*

# CLUTCH CHATTER

Right off the bat, the subject of the last issues car talk, Larry Crilly, has sold the Crosleys he recently bought. Here is a picture of the pickup heading off to California and a new owner.



Fred has been busy getting the Sport Utility up to running and driving condition and plans on driving that rare car this Summer. The custom convert in the shop will get a cast iron motor to replace the tin block.

Carl Hoffman is working on the 52 wagon he purchased a little over a year ago. Rick Gevay is looking for a new owner for his wagon project, and Dennis Meyer is working on his custom roadster. Jan Welch just keeps on going. We need more reports as to progress - or lack thereof - on our local Crosley restorations or acquisitions.

The new National Crosley Automobile Club president is Dave Ansbach of Pennsylva-

nia, who has been producing the Crosley Quarterly for the last couple of years. Dave remains the editor and will fill out Shawn's term until Wauseon. Please give him all the support you can and send in any cool Crosley stories as available to [caceditor@crosley.net](mailto:caceditor@crosley.net)

Our own Jan Welch of Moorhead Minnesota has agreed to be the membership person for the club, so if you have not sent in your 2007 dues, please get that done as soon as possible. Jan has a big job here, so let's give her all the help we can.

We are again invited to the big Buick sponsored **Spring Extravaganza Car Show** at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds May 6th 2007. Some of us will be there with our Crosleys this year, if you want to come and need a car to bring, call Fred. I have extra Crosleys or Buicks or something to bring if anyone from a distance would like to show a car there. Otherwise - just come.

There has been quite a bit of discussion on the roadster convertible tops lately. I had one made for my SS project and the upholsterer has excellent patters to make more. Midwest Interiors in Sioux Falls SD also has patterns for tops and interiors, so that also is an alternative. I have a web site for them at [www.crosleyinterior.com](http://www.crosleyinterior.com).

# COVER STORY

A look on the cover quickly shows something is not as it usually is. My wife and I took a short drive to Florida to take in the Florida Region Meet in Sarasota. The meet took place at Seagate, the Powel Crosley Winter home, now a museum supported by the Powel Crosley Foundation. They have an annual Christmas event with decorations, live performances and a display of Crosley Automobiles.

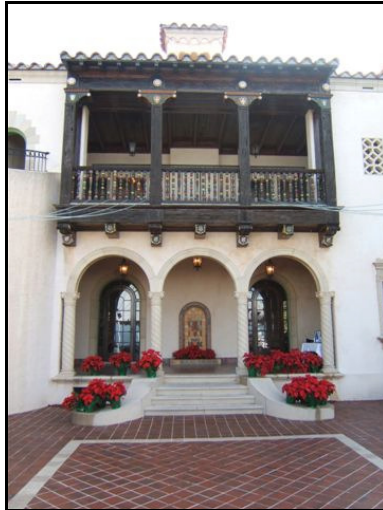
We arrived in Sarasota Florida on Friday night, and met a couple of Florida Crosley members that night. They told us where Seagate was from the motel and the timing for the meet. As we were tired from the trip, we turned in. Saturday morning we had breakfast with more of the members and headed up to the meet. What we saw and enjoyed I will share in pictures here.



*Above is Seagate front and rear, below are some of the Florida Crosleys on display.*



# FLORIDA REGION MEET



*Above is Smoke Stovers HotShot, center is the rear balcony overlooking the ocean. Center below are the Red Hat Ladies.*

*The home was full of decorated Christmas trees (and a menorah tree!). In the entry was this beautiful poinsettia display.*



# 2006 CROSLY NATIONALS

The 2006 Crosley National Meet in Wauseon Ohio was one of the best ever. Hats off to Deane Sherman who really is the cornerstone of this meet. There are many others that contribute to the success of the meet including our own Jan Welch of Moorhead, MN. The North Star Region puts on the Friday morning tour, Pennsylvania has the afternoon skill-a-thon, Ohio Region the Friday evening descent into Wauseon and Tiny's Ice Cream parlor. Friday night is capped off with a technical forum held at the fairgrounds.



*Above are the Ice Cream Crosley Farm-O-Road which set the theme for this years meet. It was one of 2 (2 1/2 with the pedal car). Specials and race cars were featured*



*The tour to Napoleon was about 14 miles and brought us to the Corvette Center with the worlds largest selection of vintage Corvettes. We came with several of America's FIRST modern sports car!*

*Panorama below is from the Ice Cream run into Wauseon late Friday. There have been about 50 Crosleys on these runs.*



# IN JULY AT WAUSEON OHIO

Saturday dawned on the meet and there were Crosleys everywhere. The pictures are a good indicator of the cars at the meet.

There is also a great swap meet area West of the show field where much activity was noted. Try to be at one of these Nationals.



*Jan Gilmer of Howard Lake MN showed his spectacular TQ and a miniature engine. He also had some display Crosley engines.*



*The featured cars for 2006 were special like these three quarter midgets. As the show ended, several went to the local racetrack.*

*CC and CD models lined the West side of the show field with the roadsters and race cars on the East. About 90 cars this year.*



*Going home with a gaggle of Crosleys. The trailer of Gerald Davenport is full and included the hand built bike from Minnesota.*



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