



Meet Your DAC Crew

OpenAir Tours proudly enters its thirteenth year of topless touring in 2018. The OpenAir Classic was officially "road-ready" in January of 2006 after Wisconsin Convertible Classic ended. Gary and Mae Knowles of Madison, and fellow enthusiasts Mike and Donna Peroutka of Green Bay joined forces to keep the spirit of Open-Air Touring alive. The Knowles and Peroutka children, Alex and Carleigh Knowles and Andrew and Matthew Peroutka have grown up with the OAC and are important contributors. A group of "road-tested" members also graciously pitch-in to help with registration and tour logistics. The OAC Directors team selects destinations & hotels, sets routes, directs the tours and oversees promotions & operations. We're honored to share the road and this exhilarating adventure with you. It's our mission and high honor to make these four days your finest, most enjoyable, and most memorable getaway of the summer!



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OAC RULES OF THE ROAD 2018

- 1. ELIGIBILITY:** Welcome driving enthusiasts! The OpenAir Classic (OAC) is open to any convertible or open-top roadster. Sorry, 4-tops are not eligible.
- 2. OBJECTIVES:** Drive safely. Have Fun.
- 3. MEMBER'S REGISTRATION:** Members may send entries by US Postal Service beginning June 9, 2018. Only OAC Members will be registered for the first 200+ grid positions until June 26. Postmarks before June 9 will be cycled to the end of the members' line for grid position numbers. All entries by members posted before June 26, 2018 will qualify for the Members Only Early Registration Period (MORP). Non-members may apply starting June 26, 2018 for open or waiting list grid positions that may open. **MEMBERS DO NOT MAIL BEFORE June 9, 2018!**
- 4. NON-MEMBER'S REGISTRATION:** Non-members submit registration forms by US Postal Service beginning June 26, 2018. Non-member entries postmarked earlier may be refused. **NO FAXES OR DELIVERY SERVICE ENTRIES.** U.S. Postal Service only.
- 5. REGISTRATION DEADLINES:** Final deadline for postmarked entry is Aug. 4, 2018 however the event is likely to be sold out much earlier. Don't delay! **WAITING LIST:** will be maintained for entries over 200+. In past years we have filled up to 5 from the waiting list.
- 6. OAC GRID LIMITS:** Directors reserve the right to adjust registration limit as they deem appropriate and necessary.
- 7. REGISTRATION IS NON-TRANSFERRABLE. NO WALK-UP REGISTRATIONS ALLOWED.**
- 8. CONFIRMATIONS** will be sent by email or US Mail BY AUGUST 9 indicating that your registration has been received and that you are registered. If you have not received a confirmation by Aug. 10, please email us at

- 9. DIRECTORS** reserve all rights to adjust and/or alter any parts of these tours to enhance the safety of participants and to ensure the enjoyment of all. These decisions are not subject to any appeal.
- 10. OAC TOPS DOWN START:** An OAC tradition is to have a "tops down" start where all participants "drop their tops" together. Starting order will be determined by directors.
- 11. NON-COMPETITIVE:** This is a tour for fun! It is not a rally or race. The only requirement will be to stop at designated check points if you want to be eligible to win prizes. Check points will be open to give everyone a reasonable time to give participants time to pass through. You only need arrive at the end destination by the time noted. Our objective is to ensure that everyone has a fun, safe and pleasantly memorable tour.
- 12. ROAD SERVICE:** All mechanical service and repairs are your responsibility. Though our participants are known for being helpful, be prepared to deal with breakdowns that may occur. Many people choose to join auto clubs or buy road service insurance. We suggest you review the options and be prepared.
- 13. MEALS AND ACCOMMODATIONS:** Participants are responsible for making their own arrangements for meals (except as noted in itinerary) and accommodations. The Headquarter and Official Hotels have been selected for a convenience for participants. Ask for OAC room block for special tour rate. Always call at least 10 days before arrival to **CONFIRM YOUR ROOM!** Also: Special Wednesday or Sunday rates are available for those who want to arrive early or stay an extra night.

- 14. REGISTRATION FEES & BENEFITS:** Registration fees are \$329.00 for car, driver and a navigator. Extra passengers 9 years and over are \$90 per person. OAC Members receive a \$10.00 discount one time per membership-year as noted on entry form.
- 15. TOUR ROUTES,** materials and events are intended for the use and enjoyment of officially registered OAC participants only. All copy, reproduction, and distribution rights are reserved by OAC. Any copying or sharing of routes or materials or facilitating entry into events by non-participants is prohibited. Please discuss any "guests" or extenuating circumstances with Directors.
- 16. PRIZES:** Each vehicle will have one entry in the Grand Prize Drawing if it has participated all four day's events). Other drawings will be open to all drivers and those passengers that have purchased an official game card. Member drawings are open to all participating members in good standing. Organizers reserve the right to limit prizes to one major prize per person per day.
- 17. REFUNDS:** 50% of paid reg. fees if notice is received by 7/14/18; 25% from 7/15/18-7/31/18 and NONE THEREAFTER. You must receive a cancellation number from DAC staff to qualify for a refund.



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UNLEASH THE KID WHO BOUGHT YOUR CONVERTIBLE!

You don't buy a convertible to be practical. You buy it because you love life. You love sunny days, warm breezes, the radio cranked up, fresh air, the smell of new mown hay, the way the full moon lights up the whole countryside. This is what convertibles are all about. Remember what you were thinking when you bought your ragtop? The coolest ride in town. Endless summer. Fun-Fun-Fun. And you know what? IT IS! And it's even more fun with great friends. Let's Drive!

RUN TOPLESS! DISCOVER THE BEST DAYS OF THE SUMMER

The OAC is an annual four-day tour for people who love topless cars. Make that VEHICLES. Yes, we've had Jeeps, convertible trucks, even Hum-Vees. But mostly cars. We carry on open-air auto-tour traditions that began in 1993. We're driven by the same DNA that fueled our pioneer ancestors; they couldn't wait to see what was over the next hill. Neither can we. OAC is a non-competitive backroads tour for any open-air car, any make, any vintage. We limit our tour to about 200 convertibles (sorry, no T-Tops) with some 400 wonderful people. We drive open-air cars ranging from 1930s classics to Post-War beauties, to gems of the 50s, 60s and 70s. And Euro-classics, muscle cars, exotics and showroom-fresh drop tops. OAC showcases spectacular routes, friendly towns, interesting attractions, arts, entertainment, shops and parties. This is tour #26. And we're just getting started! We'll be proud to travel with you!

GET MORE FUN PER GALLON!

We love the earth, big blue sky and fresh air. There's no better way to experience it than top-down. OAC tours deliver more value, fun and thrills per gallon. Drive the back roads at a pace where you'll fully appreciate this wonderful world, responsibly, with good friends.

LIVE THE GOOD LIFE WITH THE NICEST PEOPLE ON EARTH!

We wave and smile a lot! Convertible people have a real zest for life. Members come from the Midwest and all over the USA. Some belong to car clubs but many never toured before joining OAC. Word has spread: "Once you do a tour, you'll be back for more!" The fun starts here – so join us!

DISCOVER EXHILARATING BACK ROADS!

Good-bye rat race! We drive the back roads, by-ways and rustic roads. We visit those great little "off the beaten path" places others wish they could find. OAC provides clear and easy to follow routes and maps. You'll know where we're going. We're very careful to keep you and your "baby" (i.e. car) on good paved roads. We try to avoid road construction. While changes can occur without notice, we do our best to "stay smooth." OAC tours are cruises, not rallies or races.

ENJOY FINE HOTELS, DINING, ENTERTAINMENT, SHOPPING WITH OAC!

Tours allow some free time for diversions, attractions and shopping. We'll have area guides and recommendations for "don't miss it" dining and shopping. When the tour is over you can truly say, "Been there. Loved it. Can't wait to get back!"

ENSURE YOUR SPOT ON THE GRID – BECOME AN OAC MEMBER!

Every member who posts a registration in the Member's Only Early Sign-up Period is guaranteed a spot on the starting grid. OAC Members get discounts on registration fees, OAC merchandise, access to limited ticket events, OAC Facebook community, occasional track touring, OAC entertainment, OAC website, the exclusive Winter Meeting, and entry in member's drawings. Join today!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Future OpenAir Classic Tours!
OAC XIV – Aug. 15-18, 2019 OAC XV – Aug. 20-23, 2020 OAC XVI – Aug. 19-22, 2021

WELCOME TO THE WORLD'S MOST EXCITING TOPLESS FAMILY REUNION!

Hard to believe, but this OpenAir Classic XIII marks twenty-six years of celebrating all the joy of cruising topless! OpenAir Tours was born in 2006 on a sunny August morning in Ashland, Wisconsin, on the shores of Lake Superior. More than 200 topless cars and 400 waving people gathered to form a new, friendly touring group to drive the greatest backroads in the Midwest explore this awesome country and carry on traditions born in the Wisconsin Convertible Classic (1993-2003). Thousands of miles later, with twelve outstanding tours in the books, OAC XIII will mark the twenty-sixth consecutive year of topless cruising. We're delighted to be back in Manitowoc for our headquarters and home base in 2018. Welcome to the birthplace of ships, yachts and, in WWII, submarines! The SS Cobia is a real war-survivor, still anchored in the harbor. This is also the western port for the floating National Historic Landmark, the SS Badger Car ferry that links Manitowoc to Ludington, Michigan. These next four days serve as a quick tour through a fabulous buffet of experiences. You'll enjoy a great taste of the area and certainly want to come back for more!

THURSDAY – AUG. 16 A Mariner's Welcome, Explorers' Banquet, and Navigator's Oath Ceremony

Follow your sailor's senses and head for the clear blue waters of Lake Michigan and the city known as Wisconsin's Maritime Capital. Check-in at the hotel, open your suitcase, then head to OAC Registration. Sign-in and pick-up your tour kit at the OAC registration area. Meet your fellow OAC cruisers, road-tested tour veterans and raring-to-go rookies. Share a few road stories, travel tales, twisty road thrills and compare favorite routes. Take a drive around this friendly town, or raise a toast to this wonderful "tops down" life and our growing convertible family. Tonight there'll be a cash bar, the Explorers' Banquet, and a VIP welcome. Of course we'll have our (mandatory) Driver's Meeting to review starting times, tour plans, route notes and tips. Nervous navigators will try to stay calm as they prepare to stand, raise a hand and recite the sacred Navigator's Oath. Once they're inducted into that legendary legion of "never-make-a-mistake" way-finders, you may see some new "nubs" working overtime on their "power of prayer." All will be eager for dawn, the grid, and a spirited run through this marvelous Wisconsin paradise, twisted backroads, a Great Lake that is a "sea," and an exciting land with "awesome" around every corner await. We are indeed blessed and privileged to experience it all – tops down!

FRIDAY – AUG. 17 Great Lake, "Wow! Country," "On the Road Less Traveled!" "Big Water Concert"

Set your alarm for "Early" – you didn't come here to sleep! It's time to grab a quick breakfast and get ready for the Manitowoc starting Grid! Check your group gathering and start time. Prepare to experience a glorious day in that special car you bought for just this kind of touring! Drop your top, strike a group pose, then follow the turn by turn instructions to see East Wisconsin at its scenic finest. Today we'll be driving along Lake Michigan, cruising pastures of plenty, enjoying breath-taking vistas, tasting some fine wines and cheeses, and exploring some very special stops. Art and antique lovers should watch for shops, garage sales and charming small town galleries. Bring your camera and binoculars. Wildlife call this "home" so watch for flocks of wild birds, deer, wild turkey, an occasional fox or raccoon, song birds and shorebirds. We'll visit local, insider-favorite "don't miss" checkpoints, diners, and stores. Play the "Does that Sound Like a Submarine?" game. You'll agree: this is truly some of the finest convertible country in the nation. Follow the route back to Manitowoc. Get together with OAC buddies to dine around town – then get back to the Holiday Inn by 8PM for a very special OpenAir Classic performance by legendary founder of Bayfield's Big Top Chautauqua, "Warren Nelson and Friends – A Big Water Concert!"

SATURDAY – AUG. 18 Kettles are Calling - The Trail of Legends – Topless Touring at Road America

Hard to believe, but today gets even better! Nudge your Navigator and get breakfast! Keep your camera and binoculars within easy reach. Today we'll follow adventurous routes that lead to truly legendary shops, some tasty surprises, internationally famous event venues, and you'll wind-up with a "topless credential" most car owners can only long for: you can say "I toured America's Cathedral of Speed – Road America." We'll start exploring in the Manitowoc Area, work our way along the Michigan Shore, visit Whistling Straits Golf Course (the site of the 2020 Ryder Cup Matches), visit Sheboygan and Kohler, roll through glacier-made Kettle Moraine hills, stop at one-of-a-kind check points, play the "One Squeeze of a Skunk Challenge" and hold our "Topless Concours" on the Paddock grounds at Road America. We'll have time to look over all our convertible beauties, vote for our favorites, maybe do some shopping at the sparkling new Road America Race Boutique, and then enjoy a Topless Sundown Track Tour. We'll enter our names alongside the legends of racing like Phil Hill, Auge Pabst, Bruce McLaren, Denis Hulme, Mario Andretti, Paul Newman, Emerson Fittipaldi, Jim Hall, Carroll Shelby, and Jacques Villeneuve. Like us, they loved this four-mile twisted ribbon of a course. Tonight go out to celebrate your status with a special dinner in Elkhart Lake, Kohler, Sheboygan or Manitowoc. You'll have plenty to show and tell the folks back home! Congratulations, you'll never be topped!

SUNDAY – AUG. 19 Prizes, Cheers, Awards, and Hit the Road!

Sleep in just a bit today. You've put on some great miles and had some fun. Go get breakfast. Drift into the Festive Finale! at the Holiday Inn about 10AM. We'll recognize the members who have achieved major milestones in touring with us. This is where you can use the check-point tickets you earned to enter twenty-five fabulous basket drawings and maybe take home a prize! We'll report which cars you selected as the "Top of the Topless" at the OAC Concours, celebrate the conclusion of our thirtieth OpenAir Classic, and one lucky member who was with us all four days will win the Grand Prize! Say your fond farewells, trade contact information with your new friends, and we'll wrap up by Noon. For more fun head downtown to spend more time shopping, go to the museums, or enjoy the beautiful harbor. Mark your calendars for OAC XIV, Aug. 15-18, 2019. Can you guess where we're headed next? Ha! Nope! Not even the Directors know. The process of choosing a destination starts later today as we narrow possibilities. We'll visit with potential hosts, look at options, and have a good idea by late October or early November. But it's a secret. To be revealed at the OpenAir Conditioner in Madison in late January 2019. It's the first big topless party of the New Year! We sure hope to see you there!

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Call to reserve a room: 920-682-6000, tell them: I'm with the OpenAir Classic. • www.holidayinnmanitowoc.com

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YOUR REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES:

- Entry for one fine Convertible
- Entry for Driver & Navigator
- Grid Position for Fri. Tour Start
- Name Badges
- 2 Lid. Ed. Designer OAC XIII T-shirts
- Listing in OAC XIII Tour Book
- Welcome Packet
- Unique OAC XIII Dash Plaque
- OAC Tour Tips & Dining Guide
- Official Navigator Badge
- Four Days of Topless Fun
- Official OAC Car Number
- Tour Maps & Area Guides
- 2 Tickets to the Explorers' Banquet
- One Entry for the "Does that Sound Like a Submarine?" Game
- One Entry for the "One Squeeze of the Skunk" Game
- One Entry for Grand Prize Drawing
- Entry in the "Road America Topless Concours"
- Topless Tour at Dusk on Road America
- 2 Votes for Member's Choice Awards

2 Admissions to Sunday Awards Ceremony
Special Prize Drawings
Surprises, Smiles, Waves, Memories and
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(Sent by mail after tour)

NOT A MEMBER YET?? JOIN THE OPENAIR CLASSIC TODAY!

We're Ready! Let's Drive! I (we) would like to become a member of the OpenAir Classic (Couples share one membership)

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My good check is enclosed for \$35 (\$33.18 membership + \$1.82 WI sales tax) Sorry we cannot accept credit cards for membership fees. *RE EMAIL. We send news & notices by email so if you do not have an e-mail address indicate NONE above and we'll make every effort to send your notices by first class US Mail. Add info@openairtours.com on your non-spam list to be sure you get your OAC mail!

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