

Lions Celebrate 100 Years of Service

1917 Oakland car to tour Yellowstone Trail



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The Yellowstone Trail, which runs through Fond du Lac County will be used to help celebrate 100 years of Lions Clubs. Noted automobile author John Gunnel and Manawa Lion and mechanic, Dave Sarna, will drive the historic trail from Hudson to Kenosha October 9-14 in a 1917 Oakland car to raise funds for the Wisconsin Lions camp in Rosholt.

Gunnel purchased the 1917 Oakland car as one of his dream vintage automobiles. Sarna is a mechanic and friend. They decided, why not tie in a 100 year old automobile with the 100 year anniversary of Lions Clubs International by driving the Yellowstone Trail through Wisconsin? The journey will begin with a kick-off event October 9 at the Hudson Arch in Lakefront Park at 9 a.m.

Friday the 13th, the tour will make a noon lunch stop at the Yellowstone Trail Park, 600 Prospect Ave., in North Fond du Lac. They will be accepting donations for the Wisconsin Lions Camp at this stop.

Those making a charitable pledge can agree to pay a certain amount of money for each mile the car completes on the trip, or an outright donation can be made. A pledge/donation form can be found via a link on the Facebook page, Century For Sight.

The Yellowstone Trail was the first transcontinental automobile highway in the United States that passed through the northern tier states from Washington to Massachusetts. An Oakland touring car blazed the Yellowstone Trail in 1913. The Yellowstone Trail included 406 miles of road in Wisconsin from Hudson to Kenosha.

The Wisconsin portion of the Yellowstone Trail passed through 17 counties including St. Croix, Dunn, Eau Claire, Chippewa, Clark, Wood, Portage, Waupaca, Winnebago, Outagamie, Fond du Lac, Dodge, Waukesha, Milwaukee, Racine and Kenosha. More information on the Yellowstone Trail can be found at yellowstonetrail.org.

The next stop on the tour will be at The Wisconsin Automotive Museum in Hartford at 5 p.m. later that afternoon. The finish line will be at Gateway Classics in Kenosha the afternoon of October 14th.

Anyone interested in old cars, in history, in the Yellowstone Trail, in our Wisconsin Lions Camp and in an opportunity to celebrate and recognize the Lions International 100th year of service is certainly invited to the 12pm October 13 stop in North Fond du Lac.

The Wisconsin Lions Camp in Rosholt provides camping experiences for children with disabilities which include the blind and visually impaired, the deaf and hard of hearing, the mild cognitively disabled and children with diabetes. The Lions Clubs are known for their humanitarian services.