



## 2026 Annual Meet REOs in Kalamazoo in 2026!

*Submitted by Bill Reed, Member #1790*

With the approval of the Board of Directors on September 9th, Dan Kamerman and Bill Reed will team up to host the REO Meet in Kalamazoo, Michigan July 8-11, 2026. Dan is a resident of the Kalamazoo area and has a number of events under consideration. Of primary interest is the Gilmore Car Museum which will take up one of our tour days. They also have a cruise night on Wednesdays, and we will plan to do this as well. Other destinations being considered include:

- Bill Parfet's private collection of high end cars and wooden boats. Some of his cars are usually on display at the GCM, like his Auburn collection (one of every body in the V12 Solon series, all painted the same). Also, his Mercedes 540K. He is one of the grand children of Donald Gilmore who started the GCM. His property abuts the GCM.
- The Off Brothers private collection of high end and eclectic vehicles. Bill Johnston and Ron Ellenbos. Bill is married to Rhonda Stryker (granddaughter of Homer Stryker who started Stryker Medical). Ron was an executive in the company.
- Chief Noonday Car Park. Terry Cole is a REO Club member, owning a few. He also, has a number of Cole cars. He has a restoration campus and facility for patrons to store their cars and then occasionally fly/drive in to take them to shows. It's situated on an old golf driving range.
- Mike Howard. Has a private collection of about 25 pre 1920's cars, mostly brass. They are housed in a warehouse in the city. He has a REO and one or two Mighty Michigan cars that were built in Kalamazoo in 1912/13.

- Kalamazoo Air Zoo. Interactive. A lot of school groups go here. Similar to the Dayton, Ohio REO Meet. They also have a restoration shop for old planes. One World War II plane was retrieved from Lake Michigan.
- Kalamazoo Valley Museum, right in downtown Kalamazoo
- Kalamazoo Nature Center
- Kellogg Bird Sanctuary

**Hotel has been booked and is taking reservations. Details and link in Location section above on meet page.**

**Registration form will be posted here when meet plans are finalized.**

### **Wanted: Seminar Leaders and/or Presenters!**

*Submitted by Carl Eidsness, Member #445*

At the next meet we would like to see seminars concerning our automobiles and/or presentations on topics of interest for our members, many of whom are owners of REO vehicles. John Phillips did a fine job of organizing these at his meet in 2019. We'd like to see more of it. Fuel or water pump rebuilding, gauges or instruments (especially those terrible gas gauges), brakes, transmissions, insurance. Many more topics could be chosen. Presenters could also have the opportunity to set up as vendors on swap meet day, or possibly even during the meet. We are requesting that if you, or anyone you know of within a reasonable radius of Kalamazoo, might be interested, to please contact Dan Kamerman or Bill Reed.