



2026 Annual Meet Update REOs in Kalamazoo in 2026! *Submitted by Bill Reed, Member #1790*

Mark your calendars! The dates for the 2026 REO Meet in Kalamazoo, Michigan will be Wednesday July 8 through Saturday July 11th. The hotel is the Delta Hotel, Kalamazoo, MI. Reservations can be made at the Marriott website (a link to the reservation is on our website) or by calling the hotel directly at (269) 375-6000. The room rate is \$146 per night and there are rooms available in the block both before and after the meet that you can reserve at the same rate if you want to stay extra days. Dan Kamerman and I have been busy getting things set up for the REO Meet. Here's an overview of what we have planned:

Wednesday, July 8, Early Bird morning tour to the Howard Collection located within the city of Kalamazoo. Tour drive time from the Delta Hotel is approximately 20 to 30 minutes in city traffic. This collection has approximately 20 pre 1920 cars, including a 1912 REO. It also has a number of trucks, including REO and Diamond REO. Lunch to be determined. We will be returning to the Delta Hotel for the REO Club board meeting at 1:30 PM. Afternoon tour to the Gilmore Car Museum for the Wednesday evening cruise-in, which begins at 5pm. Departure time from the Delta Hotel will be 3:30 PM. This tour will be approximately one hour + on a mix of country and state highways. This is one of the largest weekly cruise-ins around the Midwest, averaging 700-900 cars per week. There is live music plus dinner and ice cream are available on site.

Thursday, July 9, morning tour to the Northwoods Collection. This is about 2 miles from the Gilmore Car Museum. Touring time will be similar to Wednesday with some variation to the route. It is a small collection of very nice cars and possibly wooden boats (Dan learned recently that the boats may be for sale). After an hour/hour and half we will head to the Gilmore Car Museum arriving just before lunch. Lunch will be at the museum, sack type (The grille from the cruise-in is not open). The rest of the day is yours to tour the museum which is open until 5pm. Dinner on your own. There will be restaurant suggestions in your packets.

Friday, July 10, Tour will be to the Chief Noon Day Car Park. This will be a longer tour traveling mostly back roads. Approximately 1-1/2+ hours. The owner Terry Cole has a number of cars, including 3 REO's, and 6 Cole cars. This is a unique place worth Googling to get a better idea than my explanation. It wears many hats. We will be having a catered pizza lunch on site. Dan's local car club (Kalamazoo Antique Auto Restorers Club) did this last year and it was very good. You will be on your own for dinner.

Saturday, July 11 will be our General Membership Meeting

followed by Show and Swap Meet in the parking lot area and our banquet in the evening.

Note that the R. E. Olds Museum has contacted us about holding their Car Capital show while we are in town. We are still working with the Museum on the details but this would be either Saturday in conjunction with our show, or Sunday. More to follow, and we will have the final plan before the next issue.

Dan is working to finalize the details of the tour days. We will have a registration form in the March/April issue of the ECHO. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Bill Reed

[Hotel has been booked and is taking reservations.](#)
[Details and link are in Location section on Meet page.](#)

Registration form will be posted here when plans are finalized.

Wanted: Seminar Leaders and/or Presenters for our 2026 Annual Meet *Seminar photos by Ray Danielson taken at our 2019 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.