

Auto Club, as much about people as cars

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The University of Wisconsin-Stout Auto Club is a very busy and resourceful group of cohesive students.

They have been active on campus ever since they were founded in 1967.

"We are the longest continuous chartered club at UW-Stout," said Justin Aulie, a technical education junior who is a



member of the Auto Club.

Club members love working on auto projects, going to auto shows and having fun. This weekend, members of the Auto Club plan to camp out at the 28th annual Fall Jefferson Car Show & Swap Meet in Jefferson, Wis. This event is one of the largest auto shows in the Midwest.

They have "Garage Night" every Thursday, during which the group gets together to do work of all kinds on club members' vehicles.

"We do anything automotive related—everything from the simplest to the pretty extensive," said Jeramie Rozencranz.

"I've always got projects for the club and old things to work on," says Rozencranz.

As a local business member in the community, Rozencranz helps provide the Auto Club a lot of opportunities and also en-

courages them to get involved in charitable community events.

Next weekend, on Oct. 1, the club will volunteer at the Knapp Lions Club Auto Show and Fall Festival.

With this many activities going on in the club, most people might think that running an auto club could get to be too expensive for students.

"We don't spend a lot of money," said Rozencranz. "We are completely self-sufficient."

Members of the club say they receive no funding from the SSA. Surprisingly, this organization also charges the lowest dues of clubs on campus.

They get some of their funds from corporate sponsors. Other funds come from their annual car show, which is held every spring during family weekend.

Another thing about the Auto Club that people may find



Courtesy of the Stout Auto Club

The club is always busy with auto projects, attending events and making events of their own. They enjoy helping each other. Founded in 1967, they have been active on campus for longer than any other club.



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The Auto Club acquired a 1954 DeSoto Firedome 330ci V8 Hemi in 1974. The club proudly shows this vehicle at their auto shows.

surprising is just how open the club is to women. For the past three years, the club has had female presidents.

Rachael Ossmann, a senior in food systems technology, serves as the Auto Club president. She joined the Auto Club last year to learn more about auto work and maintenance.

"I also joined the Auto Club for the people," said Ossmann.

"It's a lot of fun."

Members enjoy working together and helping each other.

"Our common interest is cars, but we go beyond that; we never hesitate to help other members with anything," said club treasurer Sachin Shah, who is a business senior and an industrial design sophomore.

"I'm very happy to be a part of the organization," said Shah.