

CAR SHOW SAMPLER

A quick look at recent events and what's coming up

1925 Kissel Speedster sold in Ohio
A bright yellow 1925 Kissel 8-75 Speedster opened at \$10,000 at an auction in Delaware, Ohio, and closed 60 seconds later at \$73,437 thanks to several serious bidders in the crowd at the Garth Annual Thanksgiving Weekend Auction on Nov. 28, 2008, plus several additional internet bidders. The Kissel, sporting an older but still decent restoration, had been fitted with some 1927 Kissel sedan parts to complete the restoration. The eight-cylinder Kissel Speedster is similar to the one featured on the October 2008 cover of *Cars & Parts*. We now know of five extant Kissel Speedsters. In addition to the Speedster, there was another Kissel sold at this holiday auction, a 1924 Kissel 6-55 coupe that went to an enthused buyer in exchange for \$12,925. In addition, a load of Kissel parts sold for \$3,172 – double the pre-sale estimate – and a 1925 Kissel Speedster straight-eight engine sold for the same amount, \$3,172. Other cars that sold included



This 1925 Kissel Speedster sold for \$73,437 at an auction in Delaware, Ohio. It wears an older restoration.

a 1925 Ford Model T touring that went for \$7,050, and a 1908 Ford Model S runabout four-cylinder machine that

brought \$30,550. Garth's Auctions can be reached at www.garths.com, or phone (740) 362-4771.

2009 Detroit Auto Show goes "green"

Against the backdrop of a soft economy, a government bailout of General Motors and Chrysler Corp., and a dire sales forecast for the year ahead, the always grand Detroit Auto Show went on as scheduled with 45 worldwide and North American vehicle previews, down a bit from 58 last year. Press preview week was held January 11-13. Officially billed as the North American International Auto Show, the 2009 version was the show's 21st as an international event, and its

102nd as an auto show. It was first held in Detroit in 1907 at Riverview Park with 17 exhibitors. This year, there were more than 60 exhibitors. Car enthusiasts and collectors were thrilled by the presence of the new Camaro, the new Challenger, the thoroughly refined Shelby GT500 Mustang coupes and convertibles, the returning Corvette lineup, and the Dodge Viper V-10. Style and muscle are still alive in Detroit. However, the show's press preview was noticeably lighter in attendance, especially among foreign

journalists, and the mood was somber. The number of exhibitors was also down, with the basement of Cobo Hall not needed to accommodate displays for the first time in many years. Also, the crowd was filled with representatives of Congress and the new administration, who were in town to see how their bailout money will be spent in the year ahead. The heavy theme, of course, was "green cars" and the event was dominated by electric-powered and propane-fueled vehicles, and more.

PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR

Fords at the Summit A new event is planned for July 24-26 at Summit Motorsports Park in Norwalk, Ohio. The three-day event, organized by Lisa Leathery of Events and Productions, will feature a special display of historic Ford Thunderbolts celebrating the T-Bolt's 45th anniversary; a swap meet; a car and truck corral; a Ford-related manufacturer's midway; drag racing; and a car show. It will be open to all

Ford and Ford-related vehicles, such as Lincolns, Mercurys, and Edsels. Leathery, a 15-year veteran of the car show biz, spent much time working for Carlisle Productions and was instrumental in the shows held there, including the Carlisle All-Ford Nationals. For details, contact www.summitmotorsportspark.com, or call (419) 668-5555. **Krasl Concours** Celebrating its fifth year, the Krasl Art Center Concours in St. Joseph, Michigan, is preparing for its August 8 invitation-only event. With such outstanding cars to

its credit over the last four years as a '38 Bugatti Type 57C, '30 Pierce-Arrow Sport Phaeton, '10 American Underslung, '09 Thomas Flyer, and an '03 Winton Touring, the concours promises another sterling lineup of Classic, antique, and special interest cars. The show is limited to 80 cars, trucks, and motorcycles. The concours is looking for a few good cars for this year's event; the deadline for applications is March 13. E-mail Concours Director Dar Davis at drd43@sbcglobal.net, or call (269) 983-0742. ■