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Crowds Welcomed 48 Antique Cars into Long Lake Park

The 22nd Annual New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run was again a big success according to the event planners and the Stockyard Days festival goers that welcomed the old cars into the Long Lake Park on Saturday, August 9. Forty-eight veteran cars crossed the finish line from 3:00 to 6:30 pm and received finishers' medallions as their reward.

Drivers came from 15 different states to participate, coming from as far west as Colorado and as far east as Connecticut. They brought 20 different models of cars and motorcycles, all older than 1912.

Fifty-five cars left New London between 7:00 and 7:30 am to make their way to New Brighton, approximately 120 miles away. During the course of the day, they would visit 5 cities that were designated stops on the tour: Grove City, Litchfield, Kingston, Buffalo, and Crystal. Each city prepared its own welcome for the drivers. Spectators waited in the cities and along the route to wave and encourage the old cars averaging about 25-30 mphs.

The journey ended at the Long lake Regional Park in New Brighton as a featured event at the City's annual Stockyard Days celebration.

After the exhilaration of the tour and finish at the park, most drivers pledged that they would return to join the fun, food and fellowship again. The 23rd Annual Antique Car Run is scheduled for Saturday, August 8, 2009.
