

Minnesota NewsWatch

Share your memories of state fair

THE Minnesota State Fair Foundation, in partnership with the Minnesota State Historical Society, invites fair guests to share their state fair stories and memories.

The foundation is looking for personal narratives, observations and comments about state fair experiences. Anyone may contribute, from those who have visited the fair for 65 years to those

who visited for the first time last year.

The foundation requests that each story length is a maximum of 7,500 characters, or two pages, single-spaced.

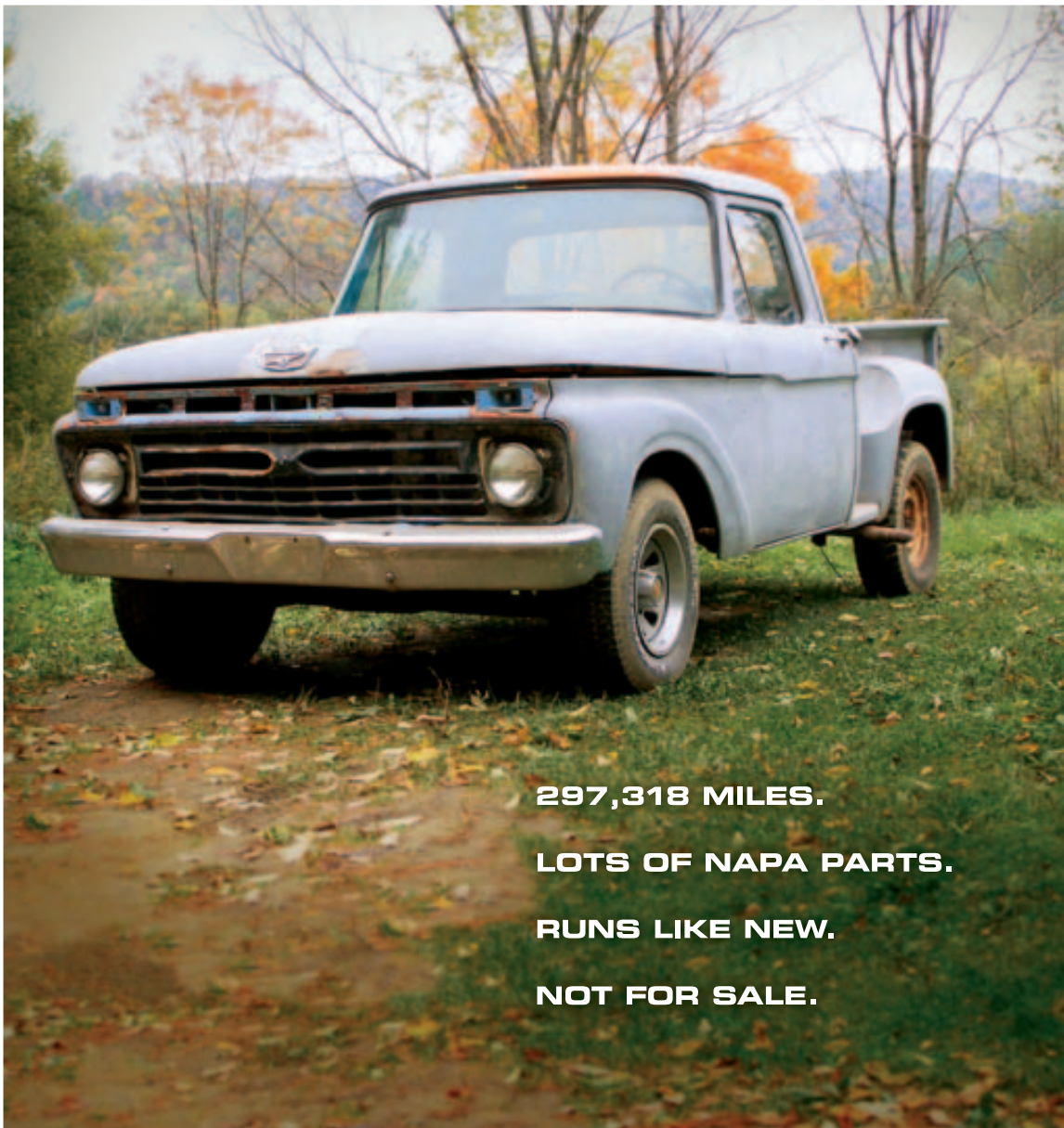
Stories collected will be edited, entered into a searchable database and posted on the "Share Your Minnesota State Fair" Web site. They will be held indefinitely in an electronic archive for the benefit of future generations.

Researchers can search the database by story category, by keywords, or by browsing the "Story" and "Image" archives, and will be able to e-mail stories of interest to friends and family directly from the Web site.

Submitted stories may be used to promote the "Share Your Minnesota State Fair Story" Web site. Stories also may be published on the Minnesota

State Historical Society Web site and/or in promotional materials; Minnesota State Fair Foundation Web site and/or promotional materials; and/or on the Web site(s) of "Share Your Minnesota State Fair Story" promotional partners.

Stories will be collected at the J.V. Bailey House during the state fair and online anytime at www.msffoundation.org.



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Two new wind projects coming

CENTRAL and southeastern Minnesota landowners have the opportunity to participate in two large-scale, community-owned wind projects.

National Wind LLC recently announced its partnership with local landowners to form two Minnesota wind development companies: Root River Energy LLC in Fillmore County, and Lake Country Wind Energy LLC in Meeker and Kandiyohi counties.

Over the next five years, the partnerships plan to develop up to 500 megawatts of wind energy, enough to power a total of nearly 150,000 homes.

National Wind, the project manager, along with the local landowners and community leaders, provided the founding capital to establish Root River Energy LLC and Lake Country Wind Energy LLC. Both developments have formed a members' advisory board of area landowners to assist with community participation and communication.

Root River Energy LLC's advisory board members are: Craig and Ardis Forland, Joel and Barbara Nelson, Rick and Gina Jahn, Ronald and Lanna Gehling, and Kenneth and Therese Graner.

Lake Country Wind Energy LLC's advisory board members are: John Slinden, Gordon Behm, Jim Huisman, Tim Huisman, Wes Nelson, Dale Walter, Cliff Larson, and Steve and Connie B ergo.