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Icelandic State Park and the Pembina County Historical Society successful in purchasing rare Gunlogson coupe

Icelandic State Park and the Pembina County Historical Society were successful in their effort to purchase a 1925 Case Model X Suburban Coupe originally belonging to G.B Gunlogson and bring it back to North Dakota.

The 1925 Case Model X Suburban Coupe is an important link to Icelandic State Park and the Historical Society who benefitted greatly from the Gunlogson family's generosity. It is also fitting the vehicle return to the Cavalier area as Icelandic State Park celebrates its 50th Anniversary. The vehicle was recently purchased at an auction in Hampstead, Maryland and is in the process of being shipped to North Dakota. Hopes are the vehicle will be on display when Icelandic State Park celebrates its anniversary on Sunday, July 20.

"It always amazes me when people or organizations get together for a common goal, what can be accomplished," says Icelandic State Park Manager Justin Robinson. "Even though Icelandic State Park was involved, this was all made possible through private donations. It is a success story and fitting link of the settlement story era and the relationship we have between our organizations."

The rare coupe is one of only 139 Model X Case cars built and the only known existing Suburban Coupe. The car will be housed and on display to the public at the Pembina County Historical Museum and will be used for special occasions at Icelandic State Park and the museum.

Gunlogson grew up near Akra on the family homestead which has been preserved as an integral part of Icelandic State Park and placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Gunlogson is the donor of the land where both Icelandic State Park and the Pembina County Historical Museum grounds are located. He also generously contributed to several organizations and institutions in the county.

Information on Icelandic State Park can be found online at www.parkrec.nd.gov.