

The

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From Your President

First I want to thank all of you that brought your cars out for the UTHS Cruise and Display. That is the largest turnout of Mississippi Valley Region vehicles in a long time. We collected \$320 for the scholarship that will be awarded in the spring of 2020. Students will write an essay on what they intend to do in the future and the Board and instructor King will find the worthy recipient. UT would like this to be the first annual meet. The Junior Dogs have already said they would move the concession stand up to where the action is. The only thing we did for them was provide the insurance coverage and help with publicity. If we continue next year, maybe we can be more proactive by opening our hoods and talking more to the students about our vehicles, perhaps even a ride. A special thanks to Jim Conrad that passed out flyers every meet that he went to. Thanks again for all your support.

Saturday was the perfect day for a picnic drive. The scenery was great, the route well planned and we won't mention that our picnic was in an area that said no picnics. Well there wasn't anyone there and we left the site just like we found it. It was a beautiful site right on the river. We had such a great mixture of cars from the 20's through the 70's and all seem to keep up with one another. Thanks to Jan Brewer for all her work. Some of us even learned how to change a Packard tire.

As a club we are caravanning to Planes, Trains, and Automobiles, in Geneseo September 7th. Cars will leave from South Park at 7:15 and pick up others at the Dairy Queen Parking Lot at 8 a.m. Yes that's in the morning. You know how I love mornings. Always a good time and Scott Johnson has again invited us for an after gathering. Show is from 9 to 3, registration free.

Coming up we have the Fall Tour. Reservations have been lagging so let's hope that more attend. If you cannot attend, Butterworth Center/Deere Wiman House are holding a "Porch Party". It is a fall edition of Blossoms which was not held in the early summer. September 22nd noon to 4 p.m. They support us throughout the year so again if you are not attending the Fall Tour, think about this alternative.

Mark Lousberg has a great tour and picnic planned for October 5th. Get that date on your calendar, more information to follow. November 16th is our fall banquet. New place, new menu mark your calendar.

It is election time – positions that are up for re-election – Vice President – Secretary – and 3 Board Positions. Please think about serving. Once a month meeting Jan – Nov and we plan an outing each month. Not too much to ask is it?

Hope to see you on the road soon – Mary B



MVR Board Meeting

AACA Board Meeting
Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois
August 7, 2019

Present: M. Bartemeyer, F. Bartemeyer, J. Brewer, J. Conrad, A. Ford, G. Gleason, L. Gleason, D. Perry, G. Smith

Absent: M. Lousberg, C. Pearson

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Mary Bartemeyer.

Susan Anderson spoke to the board about the Porch Party which is being held on Sunday, Sept. 22 at the Butterworth Center Deere-Wiman House. They would like cars from our club on display from 12:00-4:00.

Minutes of the July meeting were approved by John Brewer and seconded by Dick Perry.

Treasurers report was given and filed for audit. Jan Brewer and Dwayne Cedarblom have volunteered to audit the 2018 books.

Sunshine - Buck Wendt thinking of you card
Roster - no report
Membership - Rick & Renee Lemke new members, total membership 134
Web Master - no report
Historian - no report

Old Business:

We have received the list from National regarding membership. We are now going to contact all members of National who are not already members of our club to join our region.

Collector Car Day collected \$320.00 for the UTHS scholarship fund. The students will now have to write an essay and present it to the board, where it will be judged to determine the winner of the \$300.00 scholarship which will be presented at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

The July Poker Run was a big flop as only 2 cars showed up.

The Orion Car Display was attended by 7 or 8 cars.

New Business:

John Brewer reported the Mecum Auction Building at the Bend in East Moline has started construction.

September 12 is the Davenport Americana at the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds. More information elsewhere in the Autograph.

At the next board meeting the by-laws will be reviewed for any revisions.

Next activity: August 10 Picnic at Loud Thunder

A motion to adjourn was made by John Brewer and seconded by Dick Perry. Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM

Submitted by:
LaVonne Gleason

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Mary B.

"After the awards are presented (awards should be done between 2:30 and 3:00), all MVR AACA attendees are invited to an informal gathering at Scott and Jennifer Johnson's house northwest of Geneseo on the way back to the Quad Cities. They will provide light refreshments. There is plenty of room for cars and shade for outdoor seating. They have also invited members of the Quad Cities British Auto Club. The address is 25967 Angel Ferry Rd, Geneseo. Scott will also bring printed directions to the show for anyone who needs them and will put up a few signs along the route."

-Scott Johnson

Fall Tour hosted by LaVonne & Gary Gleason

Sat. & Sun. Sept. 21 & 22

Destination: Freeport, Illinois

Meet at Brothers Restaurant, Rapids City at 7:15 and leave at 7:30

Hotel: Country Inn and Suites \$105.00 + tax

Hot breakfast, high speed wi-fi, freshly baked cookies, indoor pool and whirlpool

Make your own reservations at 815-233-3300 mention AACA for group rate. After August 21st all unbooked rooms are released back to the hotel.

Approximately 85 - 90 miles one way

Contact Gary and LaVonne Gleason at 563-386-4649 or ggleason@aol.com after you make your hotel reservation, so we know who's going to join us.



- 10:30 AM** Lincoln—Douglas Debate Debate Square
120 E Douglas Street, Freeport
- 11:30 AM** Lunch at Union Dairy
Next to Debate Square
- 1:00 PM** American Garage Art - Stevens & Henney
22 W. Spring Street
- 2:00 PM** Stephensons County Historical Society
1440 S. Carroll Street
- 3:30 PM** Silver Creek Train Museum
2954 S. Walnut Street
- 4:00 PM** Steam Train Ride
- Time to Check-in to Hotel
Country Inn & Suites, 1710 S. Dirck Drive
- 6:15 PM** Dinner at Logan's Bar & Grill
1805 S. West Avenue

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY AUGUST 21
COUNTRY INN & SUITES - 815-233-3300
ROOM BLOCK RATE \$105**

Loud Thunder Picnic Trip

Saturday August 10th with the weather clear, we met at Centennial Park in Davenport and traveled down along the river. Crossed at Muscatine and ended up at Loud Thunder at a site overlooking the river for a picnic. There was no waiting or complaining about food since everyone brought what they wanted. Ended the drive at an ice cream shop that Wayne recommended in Andalusia. We had 9 vehicles and 20 people along for this driving event. This was an easy event to plan and not only board members can arrange but members also. In good weather let's get participating and driving!

Jan & John



Veterans Car Show

Saturday August 10th was their monthly car cruise in. The first two months it was canceled due to rain or threat of. The weather was clear, and Wayne, Gary Gleason and Brewers cars were displayed. Next one will be the Sept 21st with us gathering in the east parking lot (go cart lot) at 4:45 and drive in at 5:00.

John

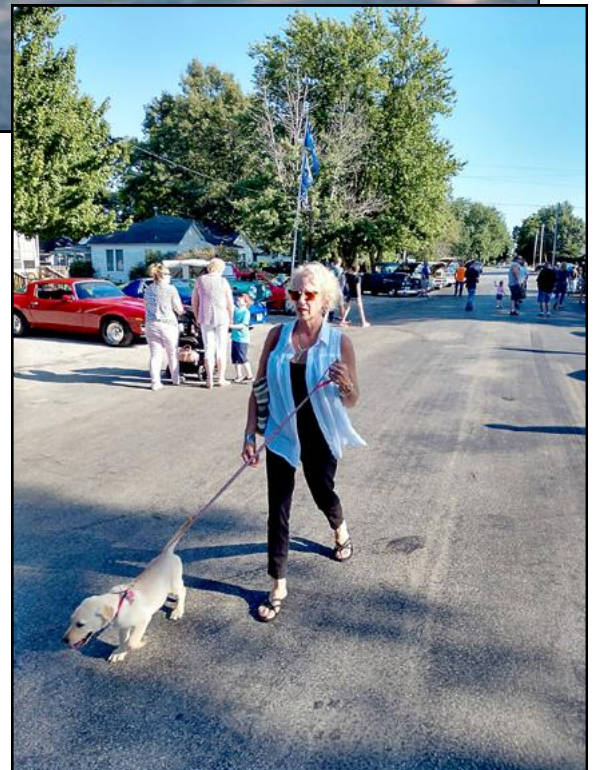


A big thank you to all of you who submit articles and photos for the Autograf. This editor very much appreciates it!

ORION CRUISE IN NIGHT

Saturday August 3rd, we met at SouthPark and departed at 4:30 for Orion. Nice short drive and they must not have expected so many cars because they ran out of food quickly. Jan was nice to take a walk to Subway and brought some of us back food. Very nice wooded setting in their town square. Cars displayed were from Wayne Scherer, Steve Sabbe, Scott Johnson, Gleason's, Etheridge's, O'Neill's and Brewer's. The Scott's were also there in their hometown. Etheridge's newly restored Brewster had quite a crowd all night, but we think they were also giving away free food... Our new pup 'Booger' was a big crowd draw, other than the cars, so may just get rid of cars and just take him.....

John Brewer



LONG NIGHTS (AND DAYS) WITH A KNIGHT

By Kathy Etheridge

Three weeks from the W.O.K.R. International Meet in LaCrosse, WI and the '17 Brewster Knight is far from running. After nearly 2 years working on Minny, Stu was working right up to the wire, which seems to be the norm with these car guys. When Stu heard about this car in Idaho in 2006, I said "You TOLD me 2 cars would be our stopping point, 3 cars are too many!". But of course, she came home with us. So, her license is "2 Minny" just as a reminder to him.....

But that got off the track. Minny would start like a dream and she ran beautifully in the shed, but take her out on the street and she bogged down with just no power. The sleeve timing was correct per phone call to Jerry Szostak, a W.O.K.R. member in Michigan. Ether was sprayed on the vacuum line to eliminate the possibility of a vacuum leak. The throttle linkage was found to be pushing against the choke linkage and Stu figured that was choking the car out. So, the slightly bent choke linkage, (which he assumed was correct since it had not been tampered with), was removed and turned enough so that it was no longer nudged by the throttle linkage. The carburetor kept getting adjusted accordingly with each thing that was changed.

Yet, Minny still wouldn't run except at an idle, with no power when accelerating. I was invited to ride along on one of the trial runs and realized right away that it was my pushing power that was the real incentive. Less than a block away, she sputtered and "drug her feet" very slowly, all the way back to the shed, (with me praying we'd make it back in that 95-degree heat). John Nikodym, our W.O.K.R. Starter magazine editor from Nebraska, checked out the magneto on his way home from a meet in Ohio. For the small price of a bed that night, he worked with Stu until 11 PM. The magneto was not at fault. Removing the exhaust pipe didn't change the way she idled, so Stu assumed that was ok.

Another member, Lloyd Gauerke, Appleton, Wisconsin, suggested the muffler could still be the culprit and said to hook the shop vac to the tail pipe after removing the exhaust pipe from the manifold. If the muffler was restricted, the vac motor would pull down just as putting your hand over the vac hose would do the same.

Indeed, the muffler certainly was plugged and a replacement needed. It is possible to locate and buy sections of mufflers, (ah, the things wives learn over lunch conversations), and the plan was to do just that. But Minny's muffler was not the size that was stocked or available anywhere. Now what? John Nikodym said that he thought the Brewster muffler was such a design that it could be dismantled, section by section, and cleaned. And he was correct. Actually, the sections, joined together over 100 years, came apart rather easily. After cleaning, reassembling, and installing the muffler, she ran beautifully. I even climbed aboard again on her 2nd or 3rd trial run, my faith restored. She cruised about 35-38 mph on a 10-mile run.

It occurred to us that she might have been put away because of this "loss of power", and that perhaps many other autos were also stored for this reason. Thanks to so many for their help, we are now knowledgeable enough to share our new-found wisdom.

A side note here: to add to his frustrations, Stu's jaw tooth broke 2 days before leaving, and a crown was not possible until after the meet. The irritation that caused was dreadful by the time we arrived at the meet. But another member, a retired dental hygienist, told him to use an Emory board on the jagged edge. Between that and soft wax from the drug store, he was good to go.

Which just proves, there is more to be learned at the car meets than just "car stuff"!















Scott Johnson with his beautiful Mercury

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