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## From Your President

Every time I think fall is upon us, it turns 90 and the humidity 100%, or at least it feels like it to me. September is moving fast with an activity available almost every weekend. Hope you will take advantage of them.

Last Saturday we had a great turn out at Planes, Trains, and Automobiles. For a bedroom community they roll out the red carpet with downtown parking, food (some free), lots of cars, even a diesel rail engine to climb all over, and many planes flying overhead. I especially like the Veterans program at noon. The President of the Veterans Car Club, Bruce Cheek, offered a special bound book on the Vietnam War that was published by the State of Iowa free to our only Vietnam Veteran present Roger Lamb. Of course Dick and Sandy Perry came away with a trophy and well deserved it was. To follow up the day, Scott and Jennifer Johnson held an after show party. We got to see the farm countryside ending at a great property with fantastic snacks. Thanks Scott and Jennifer.

Coming up we have Davenport Americana and the Butterworth/Wiman Porch Party. Davenport Americana is in conjunction with the sale of former mem-

ber Lee Smith's massive automotive and oil collection. It's a shame to see it go, but hopefully it all goes to a good home. The Porch Party is the fall version of Blossoms. They provide us a great service each month so please do what you can to attend.

I'm leaving for Hershey the first part of October. We'll see what treasures are found. Along with Hershey we are adding a family vacation. Travelling the interstate doesn't give you much of the countryside, so this year we are taking time to smell the roses along the way.

Reminder – if you need to get in touch with me, the best way is by my cell phone 563-340-3266. Hope to see you down the road.

Mary B

September 22nd  
Noon – 4:00p  
Butterworth Center  
& Deere-Wiman House

**PORCH PARTY**

Join us in Celebrating the Quad Cities Art and Culture Community, Food Trucks, Live Music, Tunnel Tour, Antique Cars, Music Guild Costume Shop Photo Booth, Progressive Community Artwork and Lawn Games  
**Bring a lawn chair and join us!**  
[www.butterworthcenter.com](http://www.butterworthcenter.com)



## MVR Board Meeting

AACA Board Meeting  
Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois  
September 4, 2019

Present: All officers and board members were present

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

Minutes of the August meeting were approved by John Brewer and seconded by Alan Ford.

Treasurers report was given and filed for audit.

Sunshine - no report  
Roster - no report  
Membership - 134 members  
Web Master - no report  
Historian - no report

Old Business:

August activity was a good time except for Dick and Sandy Perry's flat tire.  
A check for \$50.00 in memory for Bev Smith will be sent to the National  
UTHS delivered the Citi Car to John Brewer for winning the silent auction on Collector Car Day.  
UTHS is interested in having some of our members bring their cars over to the school and talk with the students about their cars.

Fall Tour was cancelled due of lack of interest

New Business:

The Board went over the By-Laws, rules of the region, and description of region officers duties. At the November club meeting it will be presented to the club members for approval.

Americana Car Show is September 12 - 14. Admission is \$5.00 for drivers and all others is \$10.00 which is good for all 3 days.

For those attending Trains, Planes, and Automobiles in Geneseo on Saturday, September 7 meet at the Old Office Max area at Southpark to leave at 715 AM. The show is from 9:00 - 3:00.

The Porch Party at Deere Wiman on Sunday, September 22 would like all cars in place by 11:30.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM

Submitted by  
LaVonne Gleason, Secretary

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO SUPPLY VINTAGE AUTOS FOR THIS ANNUAL EVENT:**

**QUAD CITIES VINTAGE FOOTBALL GAME**  
The Rock Island Independents vs. St. Paul Ideals  
Saturday, September 28th, 2019


Pregame - 1:30 p.m. Kickoff - 2:00 p.m.

Douglas Park Field - 18th Ave. between 9th & 10th St.,  
Rock Island, IL

Food and Beer Concessions - Vintage Merchandise -  
Vintage Automobiles

Young Irish QC Rookie Rugby Teams Exhibition Game  
during half time

Please let Dick Perry know if you can bring your car. Vintage fashion very much appreciated also.  
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# GAMEDAY

Rock Island vs St. Paul  
Independents VS Ideals


Saturday, September 28th, 2019  
2:00 pm GAME FREE Admission

**DOUGLAS PARK**  
Rock Island, IL



Young Irish QC Rookie Rugby Teams  
Exhibition Game during half time

Vintage Automobiles Food & Beer Concessions Vintage Merchandise



Quad Cities Vintage Football

## 2019 Des Moines Concours d'Elegance 9-8-19

This event is presented by the Iowa Automotive Heritage Foundation with no entry fee and exhibitors are treated very well! There is a driving tour on Saturday along with a meal and show on Sunday. There are many classes of vehicles from early to present day thus serving all the public. Each year they also have many featured brands. Usually always a military class, motorcycles, classics, antique and many more. This year features were Crosley road and off road, Exotics, Purpose built race cars, one was a 1917? Hudson racer with a first year Kettering starter generator (Delco). It was built by the kids great grand father who was a Hudson dealer and raced it till he started having kids and it was put away far back in the barn till decades later the present family discovered it and learned he raced.

Stu and Kathy had taken their Brewster the day before and on Sunday Jan and I headed west with the Auburn in tow under heavy downpours for the first 80 miles. When we arrived, it was just threatening overcast skies, so we unloaded and got into place. The event has a lot of sponsors and is held at the Pappajohn Sculpture Garden open plaza in downtown Des Moines across from the Wellmark building. The Children's Cancer Connection is the beneficiary of this event and the kids present the awards.

French judging rules are used which are more on the style of the cars and what makes your mouth drop open about features. The judging team we had included a couple teen junior judges. Taking time with them explaining features of the cars that todays don't have makes an impression with them. This may be something that we can include in our meets and awards presentations involving youth.

The streets at show time soon filled and we were answering questions about the car and Stu and Kathy were on their feet all the time showing and explaining the Brewster's fine features along with showing their sleeve valve demonstrator. Our pup Booger had some great social training on many walks and as we were sitting with him some kid would pass and would say "there's Booger".

The awards are held and announced in front of the Wellmark facility. Before hand the top 3 winners from each class have a blue ribbon placed on the driver's headlight. In order of presentation these are released to line up 3 abreast in class order so no one knows what place they are till it is called by the announcer. Then cars proceed to be photographed and the kids present the awards. We were behind the Brewster three abreast and as third and second were called they were the only one left taking first place in "Antique to 1927". We were to return after an award and park where we had been, but Stu turned south and headed some other way. Then we pulled forward in our group of three and were also left by ourselves taking first in "Classics Class". We parked the Auburn and after the Bentley Class saw the Brewster reappear as the only car left in line. It was then announced the "BEST of SHOW" was going to the Brewster and Kathy and Stu as it again rolled into place at the podium and deservedly so!!!!!!

Was a very nice event to let the thousands of people see automotive history and to benefit the Children's Cancer Connection. *John Brewer*



"I would like to introduce you to the Des Moines Concours d'Elegance Best of Show 2019 coming from the Antiques to 1927 Class.

1917 Brewster Knight Model 41 Single Enclosed Drive owned by Stuart and Kathleen Etheridge of Lynn Center, Illinois.

Sporting a new restoration, this is the only 1917 Brewster Knight known to exist. Originally purchased by a Texas attorney, it was only used in his summer months in New York. Features include a USL starter/generator, full floating transmission and rear axle, and trim made of German silver, oak, and cherry.

I got to talk to the owner a bit. He rebuilt the car himself from the ground up, even the paint. When he purchased the car, it was in a storage unit with a Ford Model T. A couple days after the purchase, he went to pick it up. It seems the Model T purchaser took a bunch of parts off of this car when loading their Ford earlier that day.

The new owner tracked the wayward Ford buyers down and retrieved all the "borrowed" parts single handedly, minus the 12 volt horns. A friend on the internet completed the puzzle a couple years later.

For comparison sake; the Brewster Knight new in 1917 was \$7475 as opposed to a new Ford Model T price of approximately \$500-\$600.

Another interesting fact from the owner who obviously loves this car: every single piece of metal and wood, whether it be structural or trim, has the four digit body code stamped on it care of the coach house (not a factory built car) where it was assembled. Some stamped identification numbers are visible, some completely hidden. Those stolen parts were more than valuable...

Congratulations to the Etheridges. As you can see by some of my photos, they were ecstatic to receive the one of a kind Best of Show award. Very well deserved. An amazing and ultra, ultra rare piece of automotive art and an enthusiastic couple made the perfect addition to an incredible weekend.

Nice job out of our Antiques Class Chair Dave Robbins for bringing us Best of Show! Great work!!!"

*Shawn Frank - Des Moines Concours d'Elegance <https://www.facebook.com/desmoinesconcours>*



2019 Des Moines Concours d'Elegance Best of Show 2019



2019 Des Moines Concours d'Elegance 9-8-19  
First in "Classics Class"



**Geneseo Planes Trains and Automobiles first-place trophy**



Dick & Sandy Perry's FIRST PLACE Trophy at the Planes, Trains, and Automobiles show in Geneseo. Congratulations!

**Geneseo Planes Trains and Automobiles**

We met at Southpark early and headed out down Highway 6 and met up with Scott Johnson in Geneseo. Then made our way downtown, signed in and found our spot across the train tracks. Great weather and we had a shady spot to gather. If you want to park right downtown, we might have to start out around 6!!!!

Plenty of food was on hand all the time along with a wide variety of vehicles. We had some flyovers and an electric/2 cycle diesel train arrived to tour thru. They have sponsors for the awards and have the sponsors review the vehicles and choose the winners, which is better than just the participants choosing especially in the smaller towns.

Dick and Sandy Perry were presented with a huge first-place trophy for their beautiful 40 Packard from the sponsor, B & B Lawn Equipment and Cyclery.

Afterward we headed out of town to Scott and Jennifer Johnsons place and met up with some members of their British car group. The Johnsons had quite a spread prepared for us to eat and we were entertained by our pup Booger and Ziggy their dachshund running among our chairs. Ziggy could slip right under them and Booger not knowing his increasing size yet, was challenged! Thanks to Scott and Jennifer for all their hard work!

*John Brewer*

**Geneseo Planes Trains and Automobiles**



“We appreciate everyone coming out and the support from club leadership to promote the event. It was great to get the QCBAC folks out as well. We will plan to host a "3rd Annual" version next year, Lord willing. Regards, Scott “ *(Scott and Jennifer Johnson)*







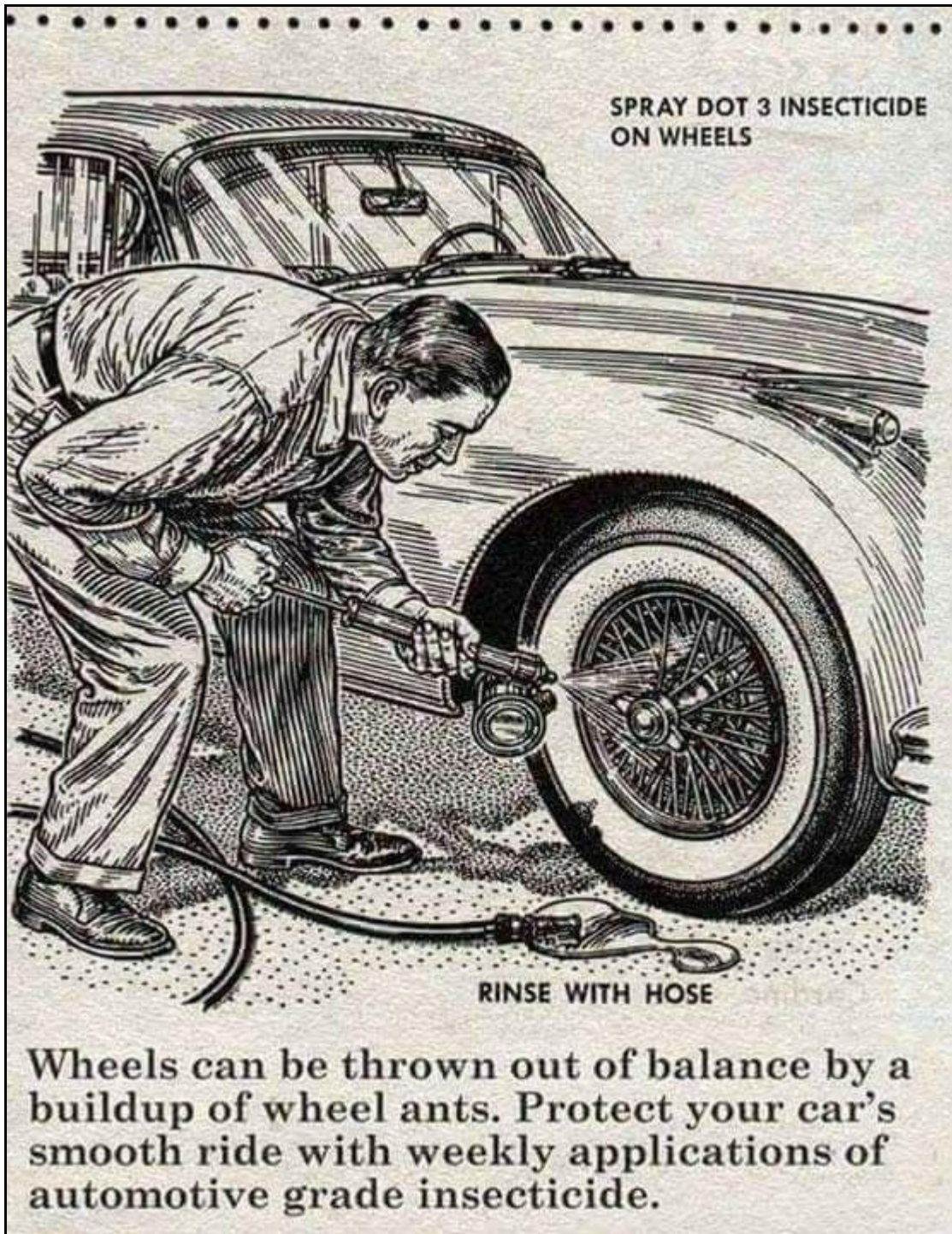
#### UTHS Student Visit

On August 21 UTHS auto students and instructor delivered the little 1976 electric Citicar that I ended up acquiring at silent auction for \$1.00 during their fundraiser for their auto program that many of us attended. When I bid there was a shopping cart holding up the back end since the rear axle was broken. When they delivered the car the shopping cart that I was really interested in was not included.... Same day the big 34 Dodge Brothers, built by Graham Brothers, 1 ½ Ton 4 X 4 left for a new owner in Oregon who will be restoring the last remaining example of the first "Power Wagon". So looks like we are finally downsizing..... While at our place they toured the auto buildings and they heard about some early automotive history and some uniqueness about some of the advanced technology in some old cars that todays do not have. Was a good experience that we can expand on with them and other school programs. *John*

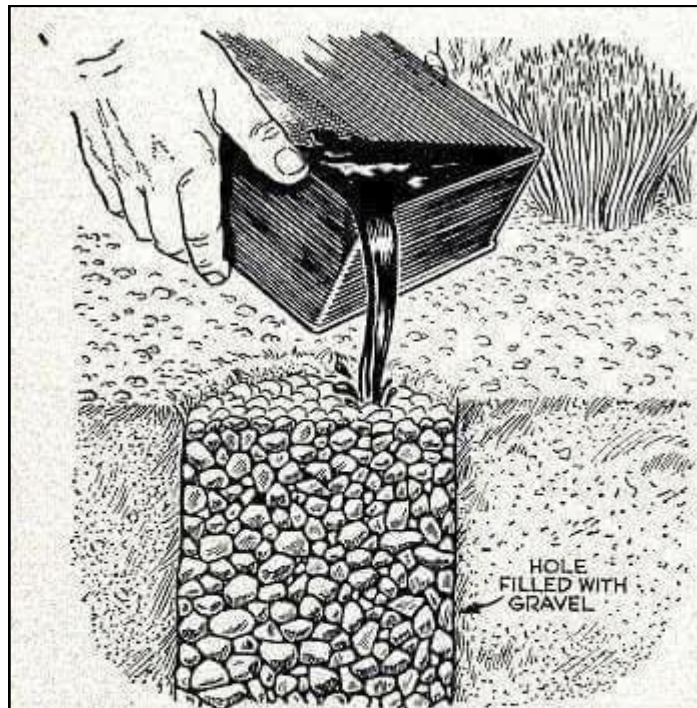
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Early advertising....( sent in by Brewer and Sabbe....don't blame me!)



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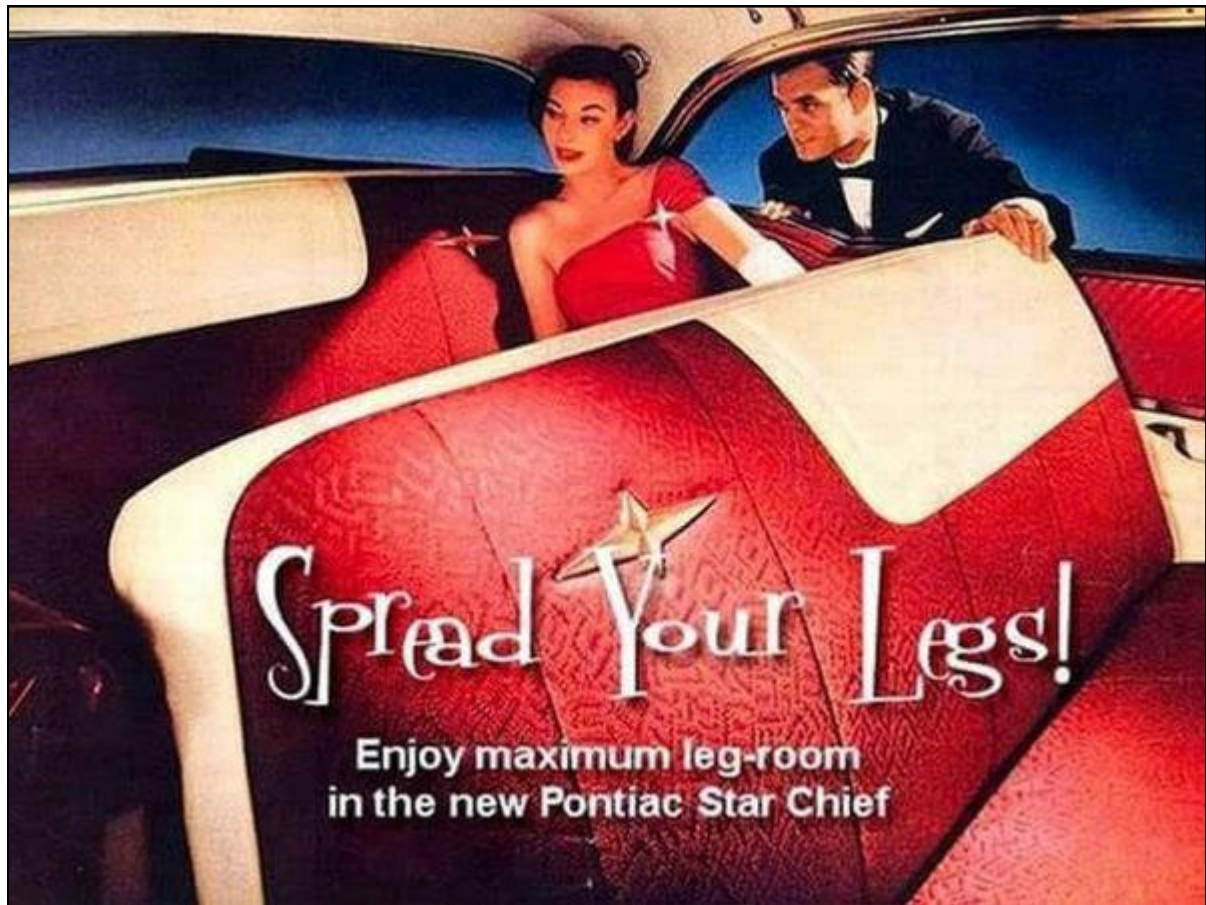
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