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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Dear MVR Members:

Well the time has come! As of this writing on the 4th of August, we have 167 vehicles registered, 165 for the boat ride, and 244 participants for the banquet. That's a good turnout and more than the Grand National had in Independence. WE ARE GOING TO NEED ALL OF YOU TO PARTICIPATE.

We need help for Trailer/Show Car Parking, Show Day Car Parking, Merchandise Sales and someone to sit behind our membership table and Merchandise Sales. Merchandise Sales are inside the lobby on Thursday and Friday, and in the Waterfront on Saturday so weather/heat won't be a problem.

Again:

Trailer Parking Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday Morning – contact Jim Conrad 309-269-1079 or 309-797-5750

Merchandise Sales – contact Gary Phieffer - 309-752-9798

Show Day Morning Parking – contact Jess Hanson 309-558-5630

Otherwise please come and be hosts for our

event. People are coming from all over the countryside. Many of our National Directors and our National President Tom Cox will be here. Meet them, attend the Round Table on Friday, and ask questions that you may have regarding AACA and its future. TELL YOUR FRIENDS about the meet and have them attend. The earliest car that we have registered is a 1900 Sears up to 1992 vehicles. Nowhere can people see automotive history through the years better than here. There will be free Model T rides courtesy of Jim Smith, a display by the Etheridges of the Knight engine, and 167 other vehicles.

After this I plan to take a very deep breath. I know I can count on all of you. You are the ones that benefit from this meet so let's make it a success. Come, enjoy, and make it fun, not work!

Mary B

AUGUST AACA BOARD MEETING

(Please note that the June and July minutes in the last newsletter were inadvertently switched. June's minutes were incorrectly listed as July's and vice versa. We apologize for the error. –editor)

AUGUST 2, 2017 Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois

Present:

Mary Bartemeyer, President John Brewer, Vice President Gary Gleason, Treasurer Jan Brewer, Secretary Dick Perry, Past President Fred Bartemeyer, Board Member LaVonne Gleason, Board Member Sharon Hoaglund, Board Member Gary Smith, Board Member Jim Smith, Board Member Gary Wright, Autograf editor

Absent:

Jesse Hansen - Board Member

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

Minutes:

A motion was made and passed to approve the June and July 2017 minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Gleason gave the monthly financial report. The report will be filed for future audit.

Sunshine: Numerous cards were sent out.

Roster: Nothing to report.

Membership: Nothing to report.

Web Master: Being updated on a regular basis.

Historian: Nothing to report

Old Business:

The annual breakfast was held at Stevenson Park. Attendance was down from previous years. There was a good turnout at the National Meet informational meeting.

New Business:

There was discussion about the newsletter being e-mailed and that it has caused some members to miss activities since we have changed to e-mail.

The vintage football game has been changed to October in cooler weather.

Motion made and approved to adjourn meeting at 7:16 PM.

Submitted by Jan Brewer, Secretary





Dear MVR members:

I was approached by a member concerned that some of our members were missing club events because without a hard copy of the newsletter in front of them *(many do not print out the e-Autograf or even just the events page)*, It's easy to forget upcoming events. As editor, I recognize that it is cost prohibitive not to mention time-consuming to return to the former practice of sending a hard copy to each member. I am, however, willing to send reminders in the following ways. You are welcome to choose all three if you wish!

- ♦ E-Mail
- ♦ Text Message
- Robo-call (an automated telephone call that delivers a recorded message)

The first two can be accomplished without cost. The third option (*the robo-call, can be accomplished at a small charge, but quite a bit less expensive than a postcard mailing and much less time consuming. Cost is 8¢ per call vs. 34¢ for a postcard mailing—less that ¼ the cost)!*

Option 1:

□ I would like to receive a text message reminder of club events. (*Please provide your cell phone number, and check the box next to your cell phone carrier so that I can set up an automated list*).

My cell phone number is (do not list a landline): (_____) _____ - _____

My carrier is:

AT&T
Boost Mobile
U.S. Cellular
T-Mobile
Cricket
Consumer Cellular
Verizon
Ptel
C-Spire
Sprint
Republic Wireless
Page Plus
Virgin Mobile
Google Fi (Project Fi)
Other (specify)
Tracfone
Suncom
Metro PCS
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Option 2:

□ I am interested in receiving a robo-call before upcoming events. Please route the call to this number (*cell or landline is permissible here*):

(_____) _____ - _____

Option 3:

□ Please send reminders via e-mail. My e-mail address is:

@_____

Please return this completed for to any MVR board member. Thank you.

Gary Wright, Autograf Editor



FALL TOUR TO INDEPENDENCE, IOWA



Dates: October 14 & 15, 2017

Motel & Reservations:

Super 8 319-334-7041

\$89.99 + tax Show AARP or AAA card at check-in for a 5% discount.

Breakfast is included.

A block of 15 rooms with one queen bed or two queen beds have been reserved. You must make your own reservations and mention "Antique Car Club." All unused rooms will be released on September 12.

Points of interest:

★ The Wapsipinicon Mill and Museum (both are opening especially for us, so we need at least 20 people or the tour will be cancelled.) Admission cost is \$3.00.

- ★ Heartland Acres Agribition Center Admission cost is \$7.00.
- ★ Frank Lloyd Wright's Masterpiece at Cedar Rock State Park - FREE!
- ★ State Mental Health Institute FREE!

Final details will be out 3 weeks before the tour.

Please contact us after you have made your reservation so we can get a count for the restaurants and places we will visit. Also send your cell phone number. We will give everybody a list when we leave on Saturday.

Gary & LaVonne Gleason

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IT'S "CAR SHOW" SEASON!

Here are some upcoming shows within a reasonable distance of the Quad Cities. Did you know that you can receive a list of Iowa and Illinois car shows delivered to your e-mail inbox each week? Just send a quick e-mail to Rick Stauffer at **nomader57@yahoo.com** to join RICK'S LIST. More information on these and other shows are available on his website: http://www.rickslist.info/

- August 15 Dewitt Cruise In, Lincoln Park, Dewitt, IA
- August 17 Classic Enterprises Cruise In, 250 Classic Car Court, Cedar Rapids, IA
- August 18 Jefferson Street Cruise, Burlington, IA
- August 18 Friday Nite Lites At The Levee District, East Peoria, IL
- August 18 River 2 River Cruise, Downtown Galesburg, IL
- August 18 Princeton Lions Club/Culvers Cruise Night, Princeton, IL
- August 19 Avon Cub Scout Car Show, Avcom Park, Avon, IL
- August 19 Pushrods Show & Shine, Main Street, Cascade, IA
- August 19 Racers Reunion Show, Fairgrounds, Davenport, IA
- August 19 East Moline Main Drag Car Show, Downtown East Moline, IL
- August 19 River 2 River Car Show, 531 Carl Sandburg Drive, Galesburg, IL
- August 19 Hampton Days, Hampton, IL





- August 19 Magnolia Days Car Show, Magnolia, IL
- August 19 Cruise To Mt. Carroll, Downtown Mt. Carroll, IL
- August 19 Lincoln Highway Festival Car Show, Downtown Rochelle, IL
- August 19 Spring Valley Car Show, West Saint Paul Street, Spring Valley, IL
- August 19 Izzy's Car Show, Hwy 151 North, Springville, IA
- August 20 Clinton Area Rod & Custom Car Show, 901 S. 4th, Clinton, IA
- August 20 Sweet Kids Show, Rusche Field, Creve Coeur, IL
- August 20 IL Valley Rodders Car Show, Centennial Park, Peru, IL
- August 20 Paws & More Car Show, Downtown Washington, IA
- August 22 Dewitt Cruise In, Lincoln Park, Dewitt, IA
- August 24 Godfather Pizza Cruise In, 2201 16th Avenue SW, Cedar Rapids, IA
- August 25 Classy Chassy Cruisers Cruise Night, Coral Ridge Mall, Coralville, IA
- August 25 Culvers Cruise Night, Princeton, IL
- August 26 Knuckle Busters Car Show, Downtown Aledo, IL
- August 26 Masonry Car Show, 616 A Avenue NE, Cedar Rapids, IA
- August 26 Knoxville Cruise Night, Downtown Knoxville, IL
- August 26 Crooked Roof Cruize In, 109 East Carroll St, Lanark, IL
- August 26 Rockin' The Park Show-Shine & Cruise, Oxford Junction, IA
- August 26 Harvest Fest Car Show, 1021 North Caran Road, Rochelle, IL
- August 26 Wayland Lions Club Car Show, Wayland, IA
- August 27 Amboy Depot Days Car Show, Downtown, Amboy, IL
- August 27 Mopars On The Mississippi, Fairgrounds, Dubuque, IA
- August 29 Quad City Mopar Club Open Cruise In, 826 West 1st Street, Coal Valley, IL
- August 29 Dewitt Cruise In, Lincoln Park, Dewitt, IA
- August 31 Hope Lutheran Church Cruise In, 2736 Bowling Street SW, Cedar Rapids, IA
- September 2 Kalona Cruise Night, Downtown Kalona, IA
- September 3 Orion Fall Festival Car Show, Orion, IL
- September 3 Delmar Car Show, Delmar, IA
- September 3 Labor Day Weekend Car Show, Downtown Bradford, IL
- September 3 Fruitland Car Show, Mariets Melons, Highway 61 South, Muscatine, IA
- September 4 Mccausland Car Show, Mccausland, IA
- September 5 Hot Summer Nites Cruise-In, Fairgrounds, Dubuque, IA
- September 8 Park N Cruise, Downtown Macomb, IL
- September 9 Prime Beef Festival Car Show, Monmouth Park, Monmouth, IL
- September 9 Trains, Planes, & Automobiles Car Show, Geneseo, IL
- September 9 Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise Night, South Park Mall, Moline, IL
- September 9 Rides For Charity Car Show, Vets Memorial Stadium Lot, Cedar Rapids, IA
- September 9 Mcnabb Cruise Night, Mcnabb, IL
- September 9 Culvers Cruise Night, Princeton, IL
- September 9 Chadwick Fest Days Car Show, Chadwick, IL
- September 10 Seminary Village Car Show, 2345 Seminary Street, Galesburg, IL
- September 10 Homestead Festival Car Show, Downtown Princeton, IL
- September 10 Mopars (Only) In The Sunset, Sunset Marina, 31st Avenue, Rock Island, IL
- September 12 J & P Cruise Night, 13225 Circle Drive, Anamosa, IA
- September 14 Yogis Cruise In, 260 Welter Drive, Monticello, IA
- September 16 Mendota Show-N-Shine, Downtown Mendota, IL
- September 16 Swisher Men's Club Car Show, Downtown Swisher, IA
- September 16 Farm King Car Show, 1620 East Jackson, Macomb, IL
- September 16 Clinton Community College Car Show, 1000 Lincoln Blvd, Clinton, IA
- September 16 Edison Junior High Car Show, 777 Jumer's Drive, Rock Island, IL
- September 16 Heartland Harley Davidson Cruise In, 117 S. Roosevelt, Burlington, IA
- September 16 Cruise To Mt. Carroll, Downtown Mt. Carroll, IL
- September 16 Conesville Dragway Car Show, Conesville, IA
- September 21 Classic Enterprises Cruise In, 250 Classic Car Court, Cedar Rapids, IA



- September 23 Dixon Fire Dept. Car Show, Downtown Dixon, IA
- September 23 Cruise Against Cancer, Root Beer Stand, Oglesby, IL
- September 23 Bobbers Car Show, 1850 Scales Bend Road, North Liberty, IA
- September 23 Vietnam Veterans Cruise In, North Park Mall, Davenport, IA
- September 24 Quad Cities Vintage Rods Car Show, Black Hawk College, Moline, IL
- September 24 Pzazz Car Show, Community Field, Burlington, IA
- September 26 Quad City Mopar Club Open Cruise In 826 West 1st Street Coal Valley, IL
- September 28 Godfather Pizza Cruise In, 2201 16th Avenue SW, Cedar Rapids, IA
- September 29 Classy Chassy Cruisers Cruise Night, Coral Ridge Mall, Coralville, IA
- September 30 Princeton Lions Club/Culvers Cruise Night, Princeton, IL
- September 30 Oquawka Car Show, Oquawka, IL

JOHN NORTH WILLYS

By Gary Wright, editor



John North Willys was born in 1873 in Canandaigua – a small village in New York. His mother was a homemaker and his father worked in construction

laying bricks. From the beginning John was ambitious and always looking for ways to make money. Even as a child he would buy and sell different items to make a profit. Unless there were something he absolutely needed, John always saved the money he made.

By the age of 15, John went from a very young entrepreneur to a business owner. In the year of 1888, he moved to Seneca Falls NY to join in and become partner with his friend in his own laundry operation. The laundry business was successful for a year, but the partners soon decided to sell. They made \$1000 profit (a lot of money during the time) and split it between the two of them. With the money he made, John attended Elmira College with hopes of becoming a lawyer. Unfortunately, at the age of 18, he lost his father and had to return home to help support his family.

Once he returned home John still refused to work for someone else. He saw that the interest in the bicycle industry was growing, and set up his own shop. After selling bicycles for a short period of time, he quickly expanded his business into bicycle repairs, parts, and kits. In 1897, John married a woman named Isabel Wie. The following year Willy purchased a sporting goods store that was going bankrupt. With the new shop, he expanded his bicycle business which became a huge success.

In 1899 John visited Cleveland, Ohio. It was here that he saw his first automobile driving down the street. He was amazed by the vehicle, and from here on in his interest in automotives exploded. By 1900, John's bicycle business was making over \$500,000 per year. He took some of this money and invested in his first automobile. He bought a Pierce automobile for \$900 and used it as a model to try to sell the cars himself. After a year he had only sold 2 cars.

Never a quitter, John also attempted to sell Ramblers. By 1902 he sold 8 cars, and by 1903 he sold 20. Shortly thereafter, he started selling the very popular Overland automobiles. But he soon encountered a problem – he was selling



cars faster than they were being produced. His solution? He bought the company in 1907. There were many

things wrong with the company when he purchased it – cars were not finished, parts were missing, workers were not paid. But despite all odds, Willy was able to turn the company back around and once again lead it to success. He renamed the company "Willys Overland Company".

By 1908 he had built a new factory. But by the time it was built it was already too small to meet



the demands of sales. It was at this time that the Pope Motors factory in Toledo fell into his lap. It was already set up for automotive production and was large enough to meet his needs. He bought the plant for \$285,000 and moved his company there. By the end of 1910, Willys company was producing over four thousand vehicles a year.

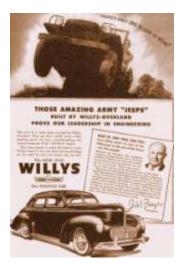
The company continued to grow and expand and from 1912-1917 he became the #2 automaker in



the World, falling only behind Ford. In 1913 he acquired the Edwards Motor Company, which gave him the patent

to manufacture the Knight "sleeve valve" engine (Stuart and Kathleen Etheridge will be happy to demonstrate it for you at the Central Fall Meet!). In 1915 he built a headquarters in Toledo, Ohio and employed over 1/3 of the city. From here he continued to acquire more companies including the Moline Plow Co (farm tractors), the Duesenberg factory, and the F.J. Stearns Co.

Hard times would soon fall. In 1920, the Willys-Overland company lost over \$20 million in revenue due to over-expansion. The plant was sold at an auction for \$15 million. Walter Chrysler became vice president and general manager. The collaboration was successful and fortunes for the company improved. By 1922,



Willys once again had full control of the business. In 1929, production was at an all time high and Willys sold his stock in the company for \$25 million. He remained as chairman of the board.

In 1930, Willys became the first US Ambassador to Poland. He served until 1932 when he

returned home. In 1934, Willys and his wife divorced and he remarried a woman named Florence Dolan. His health began to fail him, resulting in a heart attack and stroke within the same year. He would pass away at home in 1935. According to friends, Willy had told him that he had accomplished "everything he wanted to in the automobile industry".

2017 FALL CENTRAL MEET SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 17, 2017

9:30 AM - 5 PM Tour LeClaire, IA 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM Registration Open 7 PM - 8:30 PM Free Dessert Buffet/Cash Bar

Friday, August 18, 2017

8 AM - 4 PM Registration Open 9 AM - 5 PM Design Your Own Tour 1 PM - 1:45 PM AACA Round Table 2 PM - 4 PM National Judges School 5:00 PM - 8:30 PM Celebration Belle Riverboat Dinner Cruise

Saturday, August 19, 2017

7:30 AM Judges Breakfast 8 - 11 AM Registration Open on show field 8 AM - 3 PM Show Field Opens 9:30 AM Owners Briefing 11 AM - AACA Judging of Show Field 5:30 PM Cocktails 6:00 PM Casual Dinner Followed by Awards Presentations







Attention MVR Members: We need your help keeping our Club Roster up to date. If you have had any changes to address, telephone, email, cars in your collection, etc. please get them to **Jan Patting** as soon as possible. You may contact her:

By mail: 2617 29 ½ St. Ct., Rock Island, IL 61201 By phone: (309) 788-6985 Or by email: janpatting@sbcglobal.net

HISTORY CHANNEL'S CAR WEEK

(From an internet link submitted by Mary Bartemeyer)

The History channel plans the first of what it hopes to be an annual "Car Week," launching

August 13. The three-night, six-hour event launches with *The Cars That Made America*, a program hosted by stock car racer Dale Earnhardt Jr., who also was the executive producer.

The series uncovers the stories of the visionaries who built America's car

landscape, changing our culture and shaping our country forever. History's Car Week will also include a two-hour *Car Country* special,



"enhanced automotive-themed episodes" of American Pickers, Counting Cars and Pawn

Stars, and a digital short-form series, "Best Car Ever."

On Wednesday, August 16, the new, two-hour *Car Country* special debuts with "Best Car Ever," which History says will celebrate "America's passion for cars and the nostalgia they evoke with interviews from celebrity car enthusiasts."

(For more information: http://shorturl.at/mJUV1)



GET TO KNOW AN MVR MEMBER

Let's get to know one another better! Please take a moment to give us your answers! PLEASE NOTE: <u>You don't have to answer all the questions</u>. You can even make up some of your own questions! It would be great to have a mix of both new and long-time MVR members participate. This month's victim is...

Jim Smith

- 1. **Occupation:** Retired plumber by trade.
- 2. Birth Date: August 28, 1942
- 3. Family: Wife Beverly; two daughters; 2 sons-in-law; 5 grandchildren.
- 4. First Job: Wheel Alignment and Frame Instructor
- 5. First Car: 1951 Plymouth
- 6. Favorite Food: Beef Ribs
- 7. One Food I won't touch: Lamb
- 8. Favorite Color: Yellow/Beige
- 9. Favorite Sport: Football
- 10. Favorite Hobby: Experimental Aircraft and Old Cars
- 11. Favorite TV Show: Nature/History
- 12. Favorite Movie: Gone With The Wind
- 13. Favorite Book or Author: Tom Clancy
- 14. Favorite Vacation Spot: Florida
- 15. If I could have one or two things with me on a desert island, it/they would be: A big boat with a lot of fuel.
- 16. Favorite Card Game: 500
- 17. Favorite Singer: Hank Williams
- 18. Favorite Quote: "If it works, don't fix it."
- 19. The Person (living or dead) I would Most Like to meet: Jesus Christ
- 20. Something You're Good At: Mechanical Things
- 21. Something You're Bad At: English
- 22. Work You Most Enjoy: Helping others
- 23. Things I Collect: Cars and Airplanes
- 24. Fondest Childhood Memories: Building things in the shop.
- 25. Peak Experience: Having children.
- 26. Where is your "happy place? My workshop
- 27. One Thing I Feel Strongly About: Doing what you say.
- 28. I wish I knew how to: Fix physical faults in humans
- 29. I can't stand: Politicians (see #27)
- 30. If I could change one thing I'd: End conflicts.
- 31. Antique/classic cars I own: 1921 Model T Touring and a 1922 Speedster
- 32. How my spouse feels about this crazy hobby: She is okay with it.
- 33. Where I found my antique/classic: Seek and ye shall find.
- 34. **Do you have an interesting story about your car?** On our first tour it rained. Bev asked if there were windows (side curtains) available for the T. I said "yes". She said "Get some!"

UPCOMING EVENTS

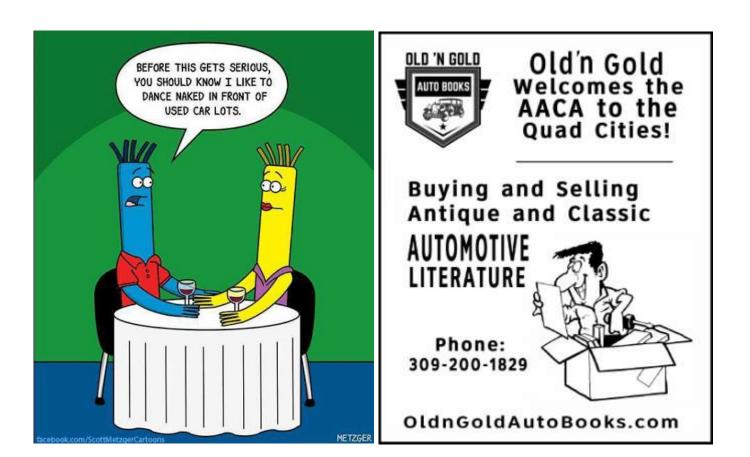
- August 17th 19th AACA Central Region AACA Fall Meet in Bettendorf, IA
- September 30th Annual Steak fry with something new
- October 14th and 15th Annual Fall Tour Hosted by the Gleasons.
- November T.B.A. Annual Banquet



ANNIVERSARY GRILLE BADGES, ANYONE?

Fred Bartemeyer still has some 50th Anniversary grille badges left and would like to find them a good home. If you have purchased another antique or classic vehicle since they were last offered back in 2010-11 and could use another, or if you missed out when they were first offered, please contact him by phone at (563) 340-5897 or by email: fbartemeyerjr@q.com.









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