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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Car season 2017 has already started off with a bang. Members Fred Bartemeyer, Jr. and Annette Wilson, along with Roger and Linda Lamb showed their vehicles at the QCCA Expo Center Rod & Custom Auto Show—Fred and Annette with their 1984 Pontiac Firebird Prototype, and Roger and Linda with their 1949 Packard Convertible. The crowds were hefty all weekend long since the weather was so nice. It was nice to see so many members over that weekend. We could have had a meeting right then and there. Lots of you paid your dues, which are due, and we have 2 new members! Please welcome Thomas and Sharon Durbin of East Moline with their 1929 Chevrolet, ton and a half truck. A big thanks to all who helped man our booth especially Jim Conrad who was there every minute the gates were open.

The next Saturday many of us got to tour the Isle of Capri where we will hold our 2017 Central Region Fall Meet, **AUGUST 17th-19th**. Yes it's in caps because we all need to make sure our calendars are free during that time. We have had lots of meetings with the Isle and they have a lot to offer in a very convenient space for our show field, trailer/motor home parking, and all the rooms we need for various planned events and guests. Here is a recap of what is planned so far:

Thursday - We will help our guests travel to LeClaire and tour the various amenities there - Pickers, Brewery, Distillery, Restaurants, and Shops. In the evening we'll board the Celebration

Belle for a late afternoon 2½ Hour Prime Rib Cruise, with live music and dancing if you wish.

Friday - The Visitors and Convention Bureau will have brochures on hand for our guests so they can decide what they wish to go and see—from John Deere, to the I-80 Truck Museum, to perhaps a few private collections. In the afternoon there will be a National Member Meeting and Judging School. At night we will serve a Dessert Buffet for our Guests.

Saturday - At 8:00 AM, the Judges Breakfast is held and the Show Field opens. Judging is from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Trophies are awarded at the informal dinner beginning with a Happy Hour at 6 :00 PM and dinner at 7:00 PM.

Sunday - We take a deep breath and hopefully reminisce about the good times we've had, the new people we've met, and the great cars that have been displayed. At least that's the plan.

Where will we need help? Trailer Parking, Merchandise Sales, Packet Pick-Up, Dessert Buffet, Show Field Set Up are among just a few. We will start making sign-up lists closer to the event.

Now I'm off on Wednesday Feb 8th to the Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. It should be very interesting. See you at Show and Tell on the 18th.

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AACA BOARD MEETING February 1, 2017

Present:

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

Absent:

Jess Hansen, Board Member
Gary Wright, Autograf Editor

Pres. Bartemeyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Minutes:

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

Treasurer's Report:

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

Sunshine:

A sympathy card was sent to family of E. J. Veit. A club donation will be made to AACA National.

Roster:

Nothing to report

Membership:

A motion was made and passed to give membership to Thomas & Sharon Durbin.

Web Master:

Nothing to report

Historian:

Nothing to report

Old Business:

There was an attendance of 32 people for the Isle of Capri tour where we will be holding the 2017 Fall Regional.

The Rod & Custom show brought out a large crowd. We had 2 cars in the show.

New Business:

There was discussion about e-mailing the Autograf and mailing them through the postal service. A few members would like to have a hard copy sent every month. Two membership levels might be the answer. Those who want to receive hard copies in the mail would have a slightly higher membership cost.

Gary Wright, our new editor, would like to be reimbursed for ink, postage and paper costs for publishing the Autograf. A motion was made and passed to reimburse for the above.

Father's Day breakfast will be changed to June 25th due to other events. We are looking into having it at West Lake with food provided by Jeff's Meat Market.

Motion made and approved to adjourn meeting at 8:10 PM.

Submitted by:

Jan Brewer

Secretary



DID YOU KNOW? When the car radio was introduced, some states wanted to ban it arguing that it could distract drivers and cause accidents. (mentalfloss.com/article/29631/when-car-radio-was-introduced-people-freaked-out)





FEBRUARY

Show & Tell

February Show and Tell

Our **February 18th, 2017 meeting is scheduled for 12:00 PM** at Hickory Garden Restaurant in Davenport, Iowa, located at 3311 Hickory Grove Road in Davenport, Iowa.

We will be meeting **for lunch (order off of the menu) and for our Annual "Show and Tell"**.

Bring something to "Show and Tell" that your fellow club members might enjoy. Hope to see you there.

IT'S TIME TO GET READY FOR "CAR SHOW" SEASON!

Here are some upcoming shows within a reasonable distance of the Quad Cities. Did you know that you can received 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/>

- ◆ *April 1 - Tipton Car Show @ Fairgrounds in Tipton, IA*
- ◆ *April 15 - Nostalgic Indoor Invitational Show in Pekin, IL*
- ◆ *April 20 - Classic Enterprises Cruise-In @ 250 Classic Car Court, Cedar Rapids, IA*
- ◆ *April 22 - Highland High School Car Show @ 1715 Vine Avenue, Riverside, IA*
- ◆ *April 22 - Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise Night @ South Park Mall in Moline, IL*
- ◆ *April 27 - Godfather Pizza Cruise-In @ 2201 16th Avenue SW, Cedar Rapids, IA*
- ◆ *April 28 - Classy Chassy Cruisers Cruise Night @ Best Buy, Coral Ridge Mall, Coralville, IA*
- ◆ *April 30 - Car Show @ 2601 East Lincolnway, Sterling IL*



HENRY FORD

by Gary Wright, editor

Although I've owned my 1939 Empire Green LaSalle 5019-A only a short time, if the truth were known, I have been a "car guy" for a long time. I first got the "bug" when I was a child growing up in Toledo, Ohio (which some consider a suburb of the Motor City). I can trace my love for old cars back to a day in the early 1970s when my mom and dad took me to visit The Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village in Dearborn, Michigan, which was only about an hour from home. That was the day that I got my first ride in a Model T Ford! I've dreamed of owning an antique car since that day.



I remember checking out car books and magazines at the local library, and looking in the classified ads in the paper just to see what was available and what sorts of prices the hobby would require. But it was just a pipe dream for this pre-teen! I also remember reading Tad Burness' Auto Album feature in the newspaper regularly! (*Does anyone remember that?*) The family car was, of course, a station wagon. We had a 1962 Ford Country Sedan. Another thrill was getting a factory tour of the Clark Street Cadillac plant back in '73 (I was 13 years old at the time!). Over time I gravitated away from Fords, and toward General Motors, but I'll never forget my first ride in a Model T Ford!

And so it seems only right that I spend some time this month discussing the work of the great American industrialist, Henry Ford and his contribution to the automotive industry!

Henry Ford was born on July 30, 1863 and is perhaps best known for the development of the assembly line system of mass production. Truth be known, Henry Ford invented neither the

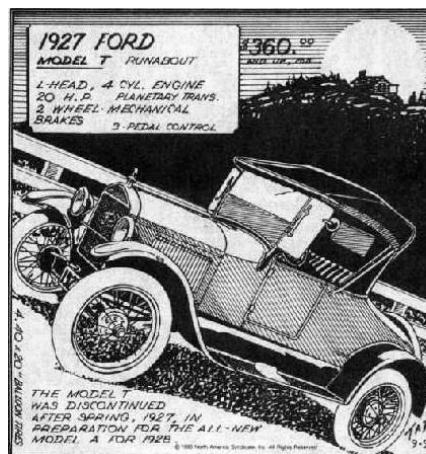
automobile nor the assembly line, but he did develop and manufacture the first automobile that many middle class Americans could afford! In doing so, Ford transformed the automobile from an expensive curiosity into a practical conveyance that would greatly impact the landscape of the 20th Century. His introduction of the Model T revolutionized transportation and American industry.

As the owner of the Ford Motor Company, he became one of the richest and best-known people in the world. He is credited with advancing mass production of inexpensive goods coupled with high wages for workers. His intense commitment to methodically lowering costs resulted in many technical and business innovations, including a franchise system that put dealerships throughout most of North America and in major cities on six continents. Ford left most of his vast wealth to the Ford Foundation and arranged for his family to control the company permanently.

In 1891, Ford became an engineer with the Edison illuminating Company. After his promotion to Chief Engineer in 1893, he had enough time and money to devote attention to his personal experiments on gasoline engines. These experiments concluded in 1896 with the completion of a self-propelled vehicle, which he named the Ford Quadricycle. He test-drove it on June 4. After various test drives, Ford devised ways to improve the Quadricycle.

In 1896, Ford attended a meeting of Edison executives, where he was met Thomas Edison. Edison approved of Ford's automobile

experimentation and encouraged Ford to design and build a second vehicle, completing it in 1898. Backed by the capital of Detroit lumber baron William H. Murphy, Ford resigned from the Edison Company and founded the Detroit Automobile Company on August 5, 1899. However, the automobiles produced were of a lower quality and higher price than Ford wanted. Ultimately, the company was not successful and was dissolved in January 1901.



An example of a weekly "Auto Album" cartoon panel by Tad Burness, which appeared in newspapers nationwide.



With the help of C. Harold Wills, Ford designed, built, and successfully raced a 26-horsepower automobile in October 1901. With this success, Murphy and other stockholders in the Detroit Automobile Company formed the Henry Ford Company on November 30, 1901, with Ford as chief engineer. In 1902, Murphy brought in Henry M. Leland as a consultant. Ford, in response, left the company bearing his name. With Ford gone, Murphy renamed the company the Cadillac Automobile Company.



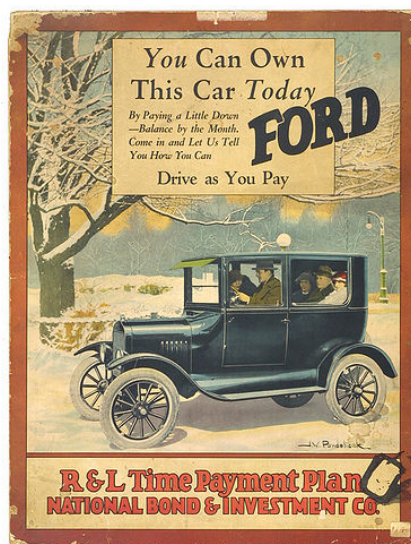
and a crisis arose when the Dodge brothers demanded payment for their first shipment.

In response, Malcomson brought in another group of investors and convinced the Dodge Brothers to accept a portion of the new company. Ford & Malcomson was reincorporated as the Ford Motor Company on June 16, 1903, with \$28,000 capital. The original investors included Ford and Malcomson, the Dodge brothers, Malcomson's uncle John S. Gray, Malcolinson's secretary James

Couzens, and two of Malcomson's lawyers, John W. Anderson and Horace Rackham. Ford then demonstrated a newly designed car on the ice of Lake St Clair, driving 1 mile in 39.4 seconds and setting a new land speed record at 91.3 miles per hour. Convinced by this success, the race driver Barney Oldfield, who named this new Ford model "999" in honor of the fastest locomotive of the day, took the car around the country, making the Ford brand known throughout the United States. Ford also was one of the early backers of the Indianapolis 500.



Teaming up with former racing cyclist Tom Cooper. Ford also produced the 80+ horsepower racer "999" which Barney Oldfield was to drive to victory in a race in October 1902. Ford received the backing of an old acquaintance, Alexander Y. Malcomson, a Detroit-area coal dealer. They formed the partnership, "Ford & Malcomson, Ltd." to manufacture automobiles. Ford went to work designing an inexpensive automobile, and they leased a factory and contracted with a machine shop owned by John and Horace F. Dodge to supply over \$160,000 in parts. Sales were slow,



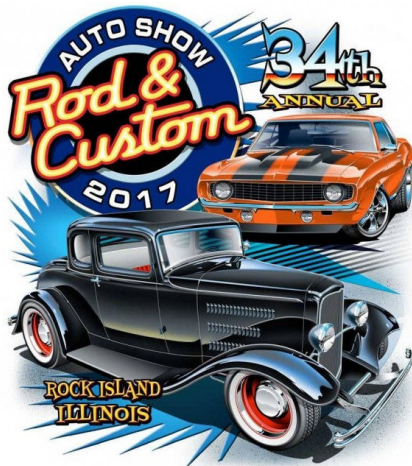
Ford died of a cerebral hemorrhage on April 7, 1947, at the age of 83, near his Dearborn estate, Fair Lane. His legacy will live on for decades to come.

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DID YOU KNOW? The vehicle with the highest mileage covered a total of 2,850,000 miles. (guinnessworldrecords.com/world-records/highest-vehicle-mileage)





SCENES FROM THE 2017 ROD AND CUSTOM SHOW AT QCAA EXPO CENTER



A president's duties are never fully explained before one takes office! Polishing chrome on Roger Lamm's 1949 Packard convertible at the QCCA Expo Center (photo submitted by Linda Lamm)



MVR members enjoy one another's company as they "man" the Region's display table. (Pictured: S. Hoagland, the Lamms, and President Mary)



John Hazen stands in the back of his 1929 Ford truck. His vehicle always attracts the attention of the visitors because of its clever décor!



Jim Conrad interacts with visitors to the show near Fred Bartemeyer's Pontiac Fiero.



WELCOME THOMAS AND SHARON!

Members: Please update your directory and bid a warm welcome to:

Thomas and Sharon Durbin
3022 - 16th St. Ct.
East Moline, IL
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hueydoc@mchsi.com



HAPPY 60TH ANNIVERSARY TO MVR MEMBERS, CHUCK AND KAY ALLEN

60th
Anniversary



The following recently appeared in the January 26th edition of the Dispatch Argus:

Chuck and Kay Allen, Coal Valley, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with friends for a dinner.

Kay De France and Chuck Allen were married January 19, 1957, at Memorial Christian Church in Rock Island.

They have one son, Trevor Allen (Regina), Constantia, N.Y.; and one daughter, Paige Garrison (Edward), Eufaula, AL. They have three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Chuck retired from Illinois Bell and Kay retired from Jaydon Distributors.

They are members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Moline.
(Submitted by Mary Bartemeyer)



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MAKING MEMORIES

By Chuck Crane
VP Regions Development and Support,
Central and Western Divisions



I grew up in the 1950's in Michigan in an area west of Detroit, and was privileged to spend much time at the Henry Ford Museum where a strong interest in automotive history was forged. My father was a founding member of the Model A Restorer's Club in

Michigan and I attended the first national meet of MARC in 1955 at the Ford Rotunda in Dearborn. Looking back pleurably on a lifetime of old cars and the people associated with them, I recognize the great gift I've received. Unfortunately, the car world has changed tremendously and the bulk of our younger people have never been exposed to what turned all of our AACA Members into gearheads. Several generations see newer cars as merely servants that are thrown away when they break because only trained technicians can expensively work on them.

The car auctions show our antiques at prices only the wealthy can afford. Our hobby is shrinking and club membership is dropping. So what can we do?

This might be trite and it has certainly been said before. Drive your old cars and be visible in your community with them. Even if we do own a show car, I bet we also have a nice DPC (Driver Participation Class) vehicle that we're not afraid to take out. If you're fortunate to belong to an AACA Region, get a few cars together for a regular breakfast meeting, attend a cruise night in your town as a group, start one if you don't have any, or invite an interested adult or teenager for a short ride. Help create a memory for those people who don't know what it means to be a gearhead. They may be future members of AACA. I hosted a first cruise night in our town and it brought out a recent high school graduate who got his grandfather's 1962 Thunderbird running for the event and received a lot of answers to many of his questions. A gearhead? You bet.

Grass roots efforts do bring results. If every one of us takes a bit of time to find potential new members by doing what we all love - driving our old cars, we can turn this situation around. Just remember "IF IT IS TO BE, IT'S UP TO ME!" Please do your part to keep our hobby alive for future generations.



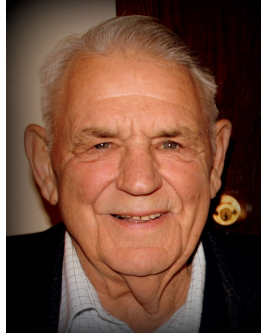
DID YOU KNOW? Volkswagen owns Bentley, Bugatti, Lamborghini, Audi, Ducati and Porsche. (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Volkswagen_Group)



GET TO KNOW AN MVR MEMBER

This is a new addition to the Autograf each month. As editor, I thought it would be nice to get to know each other a little bit better. You don't have to answer all the questions. You can even make up some of your own! It would be great to have a mix of both new and long-time MVR members participate...

Name: **Kenny Bush**



- Occupation:** Grain Farming
- Birth Date:** September 12, 1933
- Family:** Wife-Marilyn; Children-Kevin, Teresa, Karen, Steven, and Marty (13 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren)
- First Job:** Bailing hay on a neighbor's farm
- First Car:** 1954 Mercury hardtop
- Favorite Food:** Shrimp (fresh, fried, coconut or barbecued)
- One Food I won't touch:** Tofu
- Favorite Color:** Blue
- Favorite Sport:** Football and Baseball
- Favorite Hobby:** Collecting
- Favorite TV Show:** The O'Reilly Factor
- Favorite Movie:** Sound of Music
- Favorite Book or Author:** 50 Years of Disruptive Innovation by Jon Kinzenbaw
- Favorite Vacation Spot:** Fort Myers Beach, Florida
- If I could have one or two things with me on a desert island, it/they would be:** A two way radio and a boat
- Favorite Card Game:** Poker
- Favorite Quote:** "...ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." (John F. Kennedy)
- The Person (living or dead) I would Most Like to meet:** Pope Francis
- Something You're Good At:** Farming
- Something You're Bad At:** Spelling
- Work You Most Enjoy:** Creating new projects
- Things I Collect:** Cars, old tractors, Indian artifacts, everything related to my past life, books literature, etc.
- Fondest Childhood Memories:** Giggling fish in the Mississippi and riding my bike
- Peak Experience:** Getting married
- Where is your "happy place?"** My home
- One Thing I Feel Strongly About:** The truth
- I wish I knew how to:** Speak in public
- I can't stand:** Political lies
- Antique/classic cars I own:** 1917 Model T Ford, 1922 Velie, 1980 Ford Shay (Model A reproduction)
- How my spouse feels about this crazy hobby:** It is fun!
- Where I found my antique/classic:** Model T – I watched the frame off restoration by a farmer friend.
- Do you have an interesting story about your car?** Chuck Hoaglund got a call from a Velie owner in Indiana stating that he had a car for sale. Chuck called me and we corresponded by e-mail. Chuck and I made plans to go to Indiana and look at the car. We brought it home.

DID YOU KNOW? About 165,000 cars are produced every day. (worldometers.info/cars)

FOR SALE

1973 Chevrolet Caprice Classic Convertible – One owner, great condition, 39,000 miles, always garaged! Call Connie Lange at 815-786-8127 for more details.





Calendar of Events

- * February 18th - Show and Tell – 12:00 PM at Hickory Garden Restaurant, Davenport, IA
- * February 23rd-25th - AACA Winter Meet, Ocala, FL
- * March 1st - Board of Directors Meeting, 7:00 PM, Butterworth Center, Moline, IL
- * March 19th - Illinois Region 33rd Annual Winter Car Parts Swap Meet, Friendly Ford, Roselle, IL, formerly Kane County Fairgrounds
- * March 23rd-26th - AACA Western Spring Meet. Palm Springs, CA
- * March 25th - Annual Potluck - Butterworth Center Carriage House. Afterward, we will tour the Rock Island Historical Society (Perry's Host)
- * April 5th - Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 PM at Butterworth Center, Moline, IL
- * April 25th - Yes it's a Tuesday Night. More on this later. (Sharon Hoaglund Host)
- * May - Spring Tour hosted by the Gleasons
- * May 11-13 - Central Spring Meet, Auburn, IN
- * June 15-17 - 10th Annual Heartland Nova Reunion, Mississippi Valley Fair Grounds
- * June 25th - Annual Breakfast (NOTE THE DATE CHANGE!). Due to the AACA Grand National in Kansas City, our Breakfast has been moved to the weekend following Father's Day.
- * July 6-8 - Iola Collector Car Show & Swap Meet, Iola, WI
- * July T.B.A. - A meeting at the Isle of Capri to get everyone on the same page for our Central Fall Meet.
- * August 17th – 19th - AACA Central Region AACA Fall Meet in Bettendorf, IA
- * September 9th - Annual Steak fry with something new
- * October 14th and 15th - Annual Fall Tour Hosted by the Gleasons.
- * November T.B.A. - Annual Banquet

AN EASY GIFT TO GIVE

As we age and relatives and friends age it becomes harder to find an appropriate gift. Consider giving them a gift membership to the **Antique Automobile Club of America**.

They don't need an old car to enjoy the hobby. It's very affordable at \$35 and there's even a student membership \$12 (ages 13-25) and junior membership \$10 (age through 12).

They'll receive the 100-page bi-monthly *Antique Automobile* magazine and the ability to enjoy all the other member benefits. Order the gift memberships directly from National Headquarters - 717-534-1910. They'll send the recipient a card indicating your name and an issue of the latest magazine.





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