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### FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Dear MVR Members:

Summer is definitely upon us. The birds are singing, the grass is growing, and although we've had some hot weather, it's been a decent spring. I've seen several of our members out with their antique vehicles cruising the roadways. What a great site to see.

We have several events coming up in the near future:

On **Saturday, June 17th**, we have been invited back to the Farmers Markets in Moline and East Moline. Other than the meet, this is our only source of income for 2017. They pay us \$10 per car and we have at the two sites—one at 1140 Avenue of the Cities, East Moline, and the other on the 7th Street Campus of Trinity Hospital, 7th Street and John Deere Road in Moline. Enjoy the cars, sunshine (hopefully), and pick up some fresh produce while you're at it. Gary Smith is in charge of this and can be reached at (563) 355-8934 for further information. During this time I will be in Independence, Missouri at the AACA Grand National along with son Fred, and Gary and LaVonne Gleason.

Sunday June 25th is our Annual Breakfast this year in Stephens Park, 1201 - 7th St, Moline. Jeff's Market will serve a hearty breakfast for your

enjoyment from 8 AM to 10 AM. Afterwards, perhaps you would attend "Blossoms at Butterworth". Butterworth provides us meeting rooms for our Board and several other activities and only ask for our participation in their annual event. Enjoy the festivities, gardens, or just relax in the shade.

July 4th is the Annual Bettendorf Parade. We will meet behind the Alter Building, 21st and State Street beginning at 8 AM, and no later than 9 AM. The parade kicks off at 10 AM. Let's give them a taste of what they will see in August!

Our next meeting will be at the Isle of Capri, sometime after July 19th, where you will be able to register your car for our show, get to know the landscape at the Isle, and get the latest information on the meet. The date will be out soon, we have to get that finalized with the Isle. We will need EVERYONE on deck! There is something that everyone can do!

Think about all the cold winter weather that we had and rejoice in the warmth. Yes it's the Midwest—cool one day and warm the next so let's enjoy it while we can!

Mary B

#### JUNE AACA BOARD MEETING

June Board Meeting Minutes were not available as the newsletter was going to press. June and July minutes will appear in the July issue. We regret any inconvenience this may cause.



#### **GET WELL**

Sharon Hoaglund – recovering at home after a hospitalization



#### **HEARTFELT SYMPATHY**

To MVR member Gary Gleason, whose mother, (Mrs. Edith Gleason) passed away on June 1, at the young age of 96!!!





CONGRATULATIONS TO John and Marilyn Resetich celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a family dinner. They were married April 26, 1952 in Moline.

Please contact our Clubs Sunshine Chair, Sharon Hoaglund if you know of a member who needs a little cheering up.



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#### **HELP WANTED!**

Our National Meet is a little over 2 month away and now is the time to volunteer. We enjoy the fruits of our income after the meet but to get that reward we must earn it. We are the hosts and hostesses to a lot of out of town participants, let show them a great time and make new friends.

**Volunteers** needed for the following. If we have no volunteers, assignments will have to be made.

Advertising – We need local participation. Talk to local businesses you frequent about putting an ad in our Meet Booklet. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT. Most of our revenue is generated from this booklet. To volunteer call Mary Bartemeyer 563-340-3266 or mbartemeyer@yahoo.com.

**Meet Registration –** Jim and Kay Scott will need help handing out registrations on Wednesday Night, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday Morning. To help the Scotts call 309-526-3295 or email jscott@gmail.com

**Trailer Parking** – Jim Conrad will need lots of help starting Wednesday and running through Saturday Morning. Contact Jim at 309-797-5750 or Nova1975LN@mchsi.com.

**Dessert Buffet –** Sandy and Dick Perry will be heading our Dessert Buffet on Thursday

evening. We have great cooks in our club, so volunteer to do a little baking. Contact Sandy Perry at 309-762-6563 or rwpack@aol.com

Show Field Set Up and Parking – Jess Hanson will need your help setting up our show field on Friday and parking cars on Saturday morning. Jess can be reached at 309-568-5630 or jester1951@yahoo.com

**Merchandise Sales –** Gary Pheiffer is in charge of our sales. Gary can be reached at 309-752-9798 or gnp@mchsi.com

Judging – Now is a good time to become a judge for AACA. There is free Judging School on Friday August 16<sup>th</sup>. If you plan to attend you can also sign up for the Judges Breakfast and become an Apprentice Judge on Saturday. There will also be CJE Courses (Continuing Judges Education) on Saturday after the Judges breakfast. Judges are recognized with participation chits and mounting boards from the National. I'm sure there is a car class that you are familiar with that you could judge. Fred Bartemeyer Jr is our Chief Judge and can be contacted at 563-340-5897 or fbartemeyerjr@q.com

**IF YOU ARE NOT ENTERING A CAR BUT WANT TO ATTEND THE RIVERBOAT CRUISE ON FRIDAY NIGHT** fill out the following and mail to Jim Scott. For more info call LaVonne Gleason at 563-386-4649 or glgleason@aol.com

#### CELEBRIATION BELLE RIVER CRUISE - Friday August 16th - Boarding at 5 p.m.

2 ½ hour Prime Rib Cruise with live music, dancing or just relaxing.

Number attending	x \$55.00 =		
Name			
Address		City/State	

Mail along with your check to: Jim Scott, PO Box 205, Orion, IL 61273



#### SPRING TOUR TO TIPTON, IOWA

On a rainy Saturday morning (May 20), a group of 21 hearty souls left the U-haul parking lot on Kimberly Road in Davenport and headed for Tipton, Iowa. Even with the rain, three old cars made the trip: The Brewer's 1920s Nash touring car with side curtains up, Wayne Scherer's 1930 Model A, and Gary Smith's 1979 Lincoln.

Our first stop was at the Cedar County Museum and Prairie Village. After viewing the main building, we dodged the raindrops to examine an old log cabin, the Bedbug School, Cook's Hardware and Tin Shop, the Tipton Conservative and Advertiser, and the Kemmann Auto and Implement Dealership.

In the dealership was a 1905 Orient that was purchased new in Lowden, Iowa and shipped in by rail, before being assembled.

After lunch at the Tipton Family Restaurant, Keith Whitaker, the retired sheriff of 22 years have us a tour of the Old Cedar County Jail (1892-2001). The jail is attached to the sheriff's house. The sheriff's wife cooked the meals for the prisoners.

The group then headed back to the Quad Cities (skipping an ice cream stop) so we could attend the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary party for Dick and Sandy Perry.

#### 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/

- June 15 Heartland Nova Reunion, Isle Of Capri, Bettendorf, Iowa
- ♦ June 17 Conesville Dragway Car Show, Conesville, Iowa
- ◆ June 17 Cruise To Mt. Carroll, Downtown Mt. Carroll, Illinois
- ◆ June 17 Ken Nelson Car Show, 1100 North Galena Avenue, Dixon, Illinois
- June 17 Cruisin' For The Kids Car Show, Kinnick Stadium, Iowa City, Iowa
- June 17 Poopy's Car Show, 1030 Viaduct Road, Savanna, Illinois
- ◆ June 17 McCruise, 1134 North Main, Monmouth, Illinois
- ◆ June 18 Ken Ruegsegger Car Show, 405 North Elm, West Liberty, Iowa
- ♦ June 20 Dewitt Cruise In, Lincoln Park, Dewitt, Iowa
- June 23 Culvers Cruise Night, Princeton, Illinois
- ♦ June 24 Colona Freedom Celebration Car Show, Hennepin Canal Parkway, Colona, Illinois
- ◆ June 24 Old Settlers Day Car Show, City Park 200 West Claremont, Lanark, Illinois
- June 24 Maguoketa Motor Madness, 1212 East Quarry Street, Maguoketa, Iowa
- June 24 Cruise In For Charity, 1050 North 18th Street, Clinton, Iowa
- ◆ June 24 Kirkwood Days Car Show, Kirkwood, Illinois
- ♦ June 24 Car Show, Port Byron, Illinois
- ♦ June 25 Railroad Days Car Show, Downtown Galesburg, Illinois
- ♦ June 25 Cruisin' For Our Kids Future, Smithshire, Illinois





- ◆ June 27 Dewitt Cruise In, Lincoln Park, Dewitt, Iowa
- ♦ June 27 Quad City Mopar Club Open Cruise In, 826 West 1st Street, Coal Valley, Illinois
- ♦ June 30 Classy Chassy Cruisers Cruise Night, Coral Ridge Mall, Coralville, Iowa
- ♦ July 1 Chad Sarver Memorial Car Show, School Grounds, Walnut, Illinois
- ♦ July 1 Buffalo Days Car Show, City Park, Buffalo, Iowa
- ♦ July 4 Petunia Fest Car Show, Dixon, Illinois
- July 8 Corn Country Cruisers Cruise Night, Central Park, Washington, Iowa
- July 8 Low Moor Car Show, Low Moor, Iowa
- ♦ July 8 Abingdon Road Knights Car Show, American Legion, Rte. 41, Abingdon, Illinois
- July 8 Crooked Roof Cruise In, 109 East Carroll Street, Lanark, Illinois
- July 8 Heritage Days Car Show, Mount Vernon, Iowa
- ♦ July 8 Eldridge Car Show, Eldridge, Iowa
- ♦ July 8 Coal Valley Days Car Show, Municipal Park, Coal Valley, Illinois
- ◆ July 11 J & P Cruise Night, 13225 Circle Drive, Anamosa, Iowa
- ♦ July 11 Hot Summer Nites Cruise-In, Fairgrounds, Dubuque, Iowa
- ♦ July 11 Dewitt Cruise In, Lincoln Park, Dewitt, Iowa
- ♦ July 13 Abingdon Road Knights Cruise In, Rte 41, Abingdon, Illinois
- ♦ July 13 Yogis Cruise In, 260 Welter Drive, Monticello, Iowa
- ◆ July 15 Cruise To Mt. Carroll, Mt. Carroll, Illinois
- ♦ July 15 Kewanee Car Show, Kewanee, Illinois
- ♦ July 15 Chief Wapello Days Car Show, Court House, Wapello, Iowa
- July 15 Walcott Day Car Show, Victory Park, Walcott, Iowa
- ♦ July 16 Autofest Car Show, Fairgrounds, 1195 220th Street, Tipton, Iowa
- July 16 Wyoming Fair Show & Go Cruise, Wyoming, Iowa
- ♦ July 18 Dewitt Cruise In, Lincoln Park, Dewitt, Iowa
- ◆ July 21 Jefferson Street Cruise, Burlington, Iowa
- July 22 Culvers Cruise Night, Princeton, Illinois
- ♦ July 22 Princeton Responders Car Show, Princeton, Iowa
- ♦ July 23 Bogey Motors Benefit Car Show, 1715 Grandview Avenue, Muscatine, Iowa
- ♦ July 23 Durant Car Show, 4087th Street, Durant, Iowa
- ♦ July 25 Quad City Mopar Club Open Cruise In, 826 West 1st Street, Coal Valley, Illinois
- ◆ July 25 Dewitt Cruise In, Lincoln Park, Dewitt, Iowa
- ♦ July 28 Classy Chassy Cruisers Cruise Night, Coral Ridge Mall, Coralville, Iowa
- ♦ July 29 Camanche Days Car Show, High School, Camanche, Iowa

### **PLEASE HELP US!**







**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 1/2 St. Ct., Rock Island, IL 61201

**By phone:** (309) 788-6985

Or by email: janpatting@sbcglobal.net



# FRANCIS E. AND FREELAN O. STANLEY

#### by Gary Wright, editor

Francis and Freelan were twin brothers who were born in 1847 in Maine. While they are most

popularly known for their invention of the Stanley Steamer, they also had several other successes including the invention of dry photographic plates, the airbrush, and the formation of the Stanley Hotel which was later featured in the novel "The Shining" written by famed author Stephen King.

Francis and Freelan were born into a family of seven children to middleincome parents who lived on a farm. The two were

always mechanically inclined, but it was their invention for dry photographic plates that got them their "business" start. After receiving a patent for the plates, they built a factory in Newton, Massachusetts to manufacture them. They eventually sold their idea to George Eastman (Kodak) and made a small fortune.

After selling their patents, the brothers turned

their interest to automotives. According to rumor, their interest was peaked in vehicle production when they attended a local fair and witnessed the power of a steam-driven vehicle. The rumor would state that Francis's wife could not ride a bicycle, and he wanted to invent something that she could ride. From here on in, the brothers turned their focus to

developing a steam powered vehicle of their own.

Francis and Freelan built their first steampowered vehicle in 1897. By 1898 they had formed their own car company. Their first car ran at 35 miles per hour and was a huge success. The brothers had their own factory and were producing over 10 cars a day.

A few months later the brothers sold their business for a quarter of a million dollars (which was a huge sum of money in the day). Unfortunately, the business was unsuccessful thereafter. With that said, the brothers shortly decided to buy back the business, for only a small fraction of which they sold it (\$20,000).

They renamed the company the "Stanley Motor Carriage Company". Their new vehicles became popularly known as "Stanley Steamers".

The brothers hosted many events by which to advertise their new vehicle. Races were common, and in 1906 the Stanley Steamer set a new world record for traveling over 130 miles per hour. After one race, witnesses say that the Stanley Steamer flew into the air and when it landed it

broke into two. From there, it gained the nickname of the "Flying Teapot".

Freelan, who suffered from tuberculosis, eventually moved to a small town of Estes Park in Colorado for the good of his health. Many people had doubted that his Stanley Steamer could make it up the treacherous hills in Estes

Park, but Freelan was determined to prove them wrong. He did.

In 1909, Freelan loved Estes Park so much that he decided to build the Stanley Hotel there. The hotel was built on 140 acres of land and designed by Freelan himself. The hotel was phenomenal and included a power plant, a casino, tennis courts, a golf course, a shooting range, and even a small airfield. It cost over \$500.000 to build.

While both brothers are

now passed, the Stanley Hotel still stands today and is designated a National Historic Landmark. It has two original Stanley Steamers, one within the hotel lobby and one used for tours. The hotel is popularly known for its role in "The Shining" and is open for reservations.





#### **ROLLIN' 'CROSS THE RIVER**

Yes, after holding several meets in Moline, IL, we are moving across the Mighty Mississippi River to Bettendorf, IA. Located on the banks of the river, it is one of the "Quad Cities" of Moline, Rock Island, IL, Davenport, and Bettendorf, IA. In the heart of the Midwest, Bettendorf was incorporated in 1903 when the Bettendorf Brothers moved their Iron Wagon business from Davenport to what was then named Bettendorf. Thriving industrialists William and Joseph opened the Bettendorf Company, which had many branches including the Meteor Automobile Plant. Produced from 1907 - 1912, it featured a 50 h.p. engine, 4 forward speeds and 2 reverse. All but the tires and electrical system were manufactured on site, later sold to J.I. Case Company, now the site of the Isle Hotel.

Our Headquarters, The Isle Hotel, Casino, and Convention Center offers all meet requirements on site, show field, meeting rooms, free trailer parking and easy access to all attractions. Come, relax, and enjoy what the Quad Cities has to offer. Try your luck in the Casino, or dine in one of its fine restaurants.

#### **Attractions**

Thursday - Take a leisurely eight-mile drive to LeClaire, IA. At your own pace visit Antique Archaeology, "Home of the Pickers", the Buffalo Bill Museum, honoring his birth place in 1846 or take one of the tours through the Mississippi River Distilling Company, dine at one of the fine restaurants overlooking the Mississippi, shop for antiques and other unique items in the quaint downtown, all conveniently within walking distance or park in one of the many free parking lots.

The evening brings a free Dessert Buffet

featuring the home cooking of the Mississippi Valley Region and cash bar. Maps and brochures will be available Thursday morning.

**Friday -** Design your own tour to John Deere Commons or John Deere Headquarters, the Village of East

Davenport, the I-80 Truck Museum, Arsenal Islands historic swing span/Lock and Dam 15 tours or perhaps some local automobile collections.

After returning, board the Celebration Belle for a 2 ½ Hour Buffet Cruise featuring Prime Rib, Live Music, Dancing or just relaxing on one of the three decks.

#### **Host Hotel**

The Isle Hotel 1777 Isle Parkway Bettendorf, IA 52722 (800) 843-4753 Group Code AAC815 http://bettendorf.isleofcapricasinos.com/AA C815

Your stay includes two Free Hot Breakfast Buffets at the Farmers Pick Restaurant and discounted rates for Wednesday and Thursday Nights. Reservation Deadline is August 2

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#### **Meet Deadline**

Entries must be postmarked by July 19, 2017

#### Schedule of Events:

#### 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

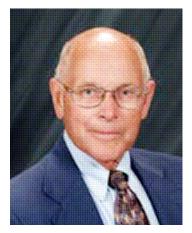
7:30 AM Judges Breakfast
8 - 11 AM Registration Open on show field
8 AM - 3 PM Show Field Opens
9:30 AM Owners Briefing
11 AM - AACA Judging of Show Field
5:30 PM Cocktails
6:00 PM Casual Dinner Followed by
Awards Presentations





### LET'S KEEP BEING PROACTIVE!

Lars Anderson Vice President, Library & Research Center



Membership numbers for 2016 are consistent with what we've experienced over the past six years. That's good, considering a larger portion of our membership is aging and leaving us each year. That means we're getting more new members than in the past, which is

what the club is all about—we're a membership organization. But we are still the best-kept secret in the car hobby. Ask the owner of an old original car at a local show if he knows who we are. You'll be amazed at how many don't know us or maybe they've seen AACA but can't explain what we are.

EXPOSURE is the name of our game plan. Last year the '57 Chevy cut out advertising piece was developed and introduced to you at this meeting.

The idea was to place these on vehicles that would fit in our club. What a great effort that produced. Over 14,000 of them were re-quested by our regions. This year we're going one step further by producing a '65 Mustang, which will have space on the backside for regions to put in their information.

Other efforts to expose the club and get new members include the increased visibility of our name at the Hershey swap meet. Many of the attendees there know it only as "Hershey," unaware of Antique Automobile Club of America. New last year was the military sponsorship program. Free first year membership is available to all veterans who express an interest in old cars. Also free are membership applications given to the regions. Did you know that? Does your region make good use of them? It's important that regions use these as they result in 68% of the applicants joining us the following year.

Please take advantage of the many opportunities you have for exposing our club, and make use of the promotions national headquarters provides for you. Thank you for your unending efforts to bring the enjoyment of AACA to others. You, along with 59,856 others, are the most powerful source we have for getting the job done.

#### **GET TO KNOW AN MVR MEMBER**

Sorry – no article this month! We have had no submissions from our members of late. We need your help if this column is to continue. Let's get to know one another better! Please take a moment to fill out the questionnaire! PLEASE NOTE: You don't have to answer all the questions. You can even make up some of your own questions! It would be great to hear from some of our newer MVR members!

#### **MVR JUNE EVENT**

MVR Car Display at the Quad Cities Growers Markets

- ♦ Moline Unity Point (Trinity Hospital parking lot) 7th Street & John Deere Road
- ◆ East Moline Skate City parking lot 11th Street & Avenue of the Cities (Wednesdays & Saturdays 8-noon)

Please call Gary Smith at Gary at (563) 355-8934 if you are able to show your car in one of these two locations!







### Calendar of Events

- June 15-17 10th Annual Heartland Nova Reunion, Isle of Capri, Bettendorf
- June 17 Farmers Market Car Display Fundraiser, 8:30 AM – Noon at 7th Street and John Deere Road or 1140 Avenue of the Cities. For info, contact Gary Smith at 563-355-8934.
- June 15-17 Annual AACA Grand National Meet in Independence, MO
- June 25th Annual Club Breakfast from 8:00 AM until 10:00 AM at Stephens Park, 1201 - 7th Street; Moline, Illinois (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 4th City of Bettendorf Fourth of July Parade, 10 AM.
- 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, lowa
- 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

#### **NEWS FROM THE AACA LIBRARY & RESEARCH CENTER**

Free: The library is open free to the public during our normal hours of operation. On site research is free to anyone who visits. Members of the AACA receive 1.5 hours of free off-site research per calendar year. Non-Members are subject to Fees.

ONLINE CATALOG Our Online Catalog is separated into 3 categories. The bulk of our collection resides in the Automotive Literature section that holds Manufacturer Specific items such as sales literature, owner's manuals, photos, and more. We also have separate catalogs for our Books and Media collections.

While our online catalog contains a vast array of objects, it does not show everything. Some items are not cataloged online, including; Shop Manuals, Parts Catalogs, Periodicals, as well as our collection of item specific Flat Files. The Flat Files contain a wide variety of automotive subjects such as safety, tools, racing, coachbuilders, and much more.

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