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# Autograf



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President Mary presents the Member of the Year Award to Dick Sabbe.  
Mr. Sabbe never looked better!



**From Your Editors**

This November's Autograf will be the last Newsletter Kay & I will be Editing. Our first Autograf as Editor's was the January 2008 newsletter.

We have a lot of members to thank over the years for their stories and photo's that helped create the Newsletter.

One of the reasons we decided to become the editors was the stories that Norm would write for the Autograf. The first thing we did was ask Norm to provide more stories, and he sure had no problem doing that!



**Tid Bit  
of Auto History  
By Norm Miller**

*Norm*



We have come a long way in how the Autograf has been put together and printed for the Club. The Editors before us had to literally cut & paste the articles and photos and then make a zerox copy to print for the Membership. Now cut & paste means something quite different! Home publishing has made creating a Newsletter almost "easy". We are now sending out the Autograf by e-mail so the actual printing will be reduced to only a few hard copies. We hope this will help one of our Members to decide to become the next Editor. You will get a lot of help from the Membership and a lot of enjoyment creating a new and unique Autograf for the Club. As we write this, no one has volunteered to take the helm, but hopefully, that will be temporary and we will again have a Newsletter for this great Club.

Thanks again for all the help and encouragement you have shown us all these years.

*Jim & Kay*



## From Your President

This has been quite a year. Trying to juggle work, rental house remodeling, the National duties and my duties for MVR, I'm not

sure that I have given the club 100% which makes me sad. Something had to go. Well the house is remodeled, check that off, and I'm retiring on 2 January. Whew! It's pretty bad when your hobby interferes with working full time. I think 38 years is long enough to give the Federal Government. That said, the car hobby will proceed full speed ahead. Your Board of Directors have carried out some amazing tours, picnic's, and monthly activities throughout the year so please tell them all how much you appreciate their time and effort.

We will miss Gary Gleason on our Board of Directors, but welcome Sharon Hoaglund to the Board. Gary has this notion that moving to a new house is going to take some of his time.. He is our club historian so not only will they be moving their household but also all of the club's significant papers. He has 'Autograf's' back to our inception in 60's. On that same theme, the Brewers are building a new house next year so they will be juggling those problems along with serving as Vice President and Secretary.

And last but certainly not least, this may be the last 'Autograf' you receive until we find new Editors. The Scott's will be hard to follow but I understand that they are tired and need a break. PLEASE if you would like to work on a committee to assemble the 'Autograf' let me know. With a membership of almost 200 surely some of you can step forward and help. You don't have to take on the chairmanship of anything, but it will be necessary to have help. I'd rather you volunteer than I have to plead. For those of us who have been around awhile, think of things we did years ago that we haven't done for awhile. Of course the new people have to have places they would like to see or tour to. Give us some hints.

Coming next year are the Great Race, National Olds Meet, National Pontiac Meet, and the Velie Reunion. We will assist those clubs, if asked, in addition to our normal club outings. It will be a busy year. Starting in January we are showing 2 auto's at the Rod and Custom Auto Show on January 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. Friday Veteran's get in free so mark your calendar. If you want to help set up we will do so starting at 4 p.m. on the 21st. Our next club meeting will be on January 30th, time and place to be announced, but mark the date. The Board of Directors meet the first Wednesday every month at the Butterworth Dining Room. Anyone is welcome to attend, just give us a heads up because there are usually treats at the end and we wouldn't want to run out.

Well I've rambled on enough. Bottom line we need you. This is a great club with great people. With the help of it's members, let's see it grow for many years.

Happy Holidays - See you in January.

Mary B

## MVR Board Meeting

AACA Board Meeting - November Meeting  
November 4, 2015

Butterworth Center, Moline IL

Present:

Mary Bartemeyer, President

John Brewer, Vice President

Barb Hansen, Treasurer

Jan Brewer, Secretary

Dick Perry, Past President

Gary Gleason, Board Member

Jess Hansen, Board Member

Steve Sabbe, Board Member

Gary Smith, Board Member

Jim Smith, Board Member

Absent: Jim & Kay Scott, Editors

Fred Bartemeyer, Board Member

Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by  
Pres. Bartemeyer

Minutes:

A motion was made and passed approving the October minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

Treas. Hansen gave the treasury report and will be submitted for audit.

Sunshine: Numerous get well, sympathy and anniversary cards were sent.

Roster: none

Membership:-none-WebMaster:-none-Historian:-none

Old Business:

The Fall Tour was a success. There were over 30 participants and approx.. 16 vehicles.

New Business:

About 60 members are signed up for the Fall Banquet to date. Pres. Bartemeyer received a letter from National stating we are in final status and approved for the Regional Meet, August 17 thru 19, 2017. Sec. Brewer is receiving a good return on the election ballots. We will again participate in the Annual Rod & Custom Show, January 22-24, 2016. We will enter two cars for a total participation cost of \$60.. Donations will be made to National AACA in memory of Barb Dunsworth and Ron Phillips. There was general discussion about the 2017 Regional Meet. Also, discussed ways to get more membership involved in planning, organizing club activities and events.

Motion made and approved to adjourn meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Submitted by: Jan Brewer, Secretary

# MVR Fall Tour 2015



The Fall Tour was a success. There were over 30 participants and approx.. 16 vehicles.

We traveled along Route 6, leaving at 8 a.m. and arriving in West Liberty for a morning break at Jan Brewer's cousins store, Fred's Feed Store which is in a quaint old downtown area of West Liberty. Continued on to Iowa City/Coralville to visit the car museum and have lunch at the Iowa River Room. Continued along to Brooklyn (a small town with a great flag display, a vintage gas station ( Group Photo Above) and a historical museum) where we might take a site or two in, another pit stop in between until we hit Grinnell. We arrived in Grinnell approx. 5 pm, checked in to motel and everyone ate at a place of their choice. Sunday morning.....breakfast....short drive around and then off to the Amana's for lunch. After that, we head home. It was a comfortable, scenic drive for cars of all years.... *Jan Brewer*



There was a very nice Soda Fountain in town and Steve was one of the first to try it out.



Another Fabulous Award went to Stu for.....  
 .....umm..... well..... The most fuel efficient  
 car on the Tour?



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 you know of a member who needs a little cheering up.

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For the protection of the general motoring public, John provided the needed safety equipment for this Tour.

# 2015 Fall Tour











Val had a hard time dealing with “served family style”. She thought every dish brought to the table was for her!



I have no comment about this picture.

It just goes to show what you can expect to see on one of our Club tours.



### Thermostats, Freeze Plugs and Radials

A cooling situation came up in discussion on the Nash web site where a motor gauge was showing extremely hot conditions before finally starting to cool. I have had similar conditions occur and when a motor is as originally produced and clean inside the thermostat location should work properly. In an old motor there is usually all sorts of accumulations in most areas. I have found that sometimes you can have a thermostat properly working but with water just on the top side and a void on the bottom for some reason. On all thermostats I drill a couple small holes thru the flange where a gasket won't be. This insures that there will be water on each side of the thermostats so heated water can heat up the bottom of the thermostat's actuator.

Another discussion was on freeze plugs. There is no such thing as a freeze plug! I once had a person tell me that they are called freeze plugs because if the water freezes they will pop out and protect the block. If so cracked blocks would not exist.... The correct name for these is core plugs and or expansion plugs. The bare holes in a casting's only purpose is to allow the core sand, which created the cavity, to be removed after vibratory shaking. These are then machined thru or step machined allowing a proper style core plug to be installed which is to be expanded to maintain its position along with hard setting sealant. Early motors used pipe plugs to seal up the core holes. Later it was more cost effective to machine the cast holes thru or counter bore them as we see today.

Another topic was a person complaining about losing wheel covers after putting radials on his old car. Now he and some felt this was because radials are bad on old cars and add to a wheels flexing and thus cause the wheel cover to "fly off". After I asked some questions it was discovered that the old bias ply tires had been on for ages along with the covers. Now the covers have retainers or sharp edges that bite into the rim under spring tension to retain their position. The owner stated he had difficulty as he pried the covers off the rusty rims (which would hold the covers on better) during this period of cleaning and painting the rims and installing the new radials. Often with some poor prying, a cover's retention teeth will be bent or distorted. He should have ensured that the points were sharp and had good tension so that the covers would go back on with good resistance. Many of these have teeth that bite in radially and dynamically and all are important. Radials on good condition rims will always reduce rim forces from a bias ply tire. Radials, since they are designed to flex, reduce all forces on any rim and have many other benefits. So the owner's problem again was not from radials.

*John Brewer*