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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Dear MVR Members:

To say I needed to take a deep breath after the very successful 2017 Central Fall Meet is an understatement. During the last few weeks before our meet, my phone rang constantly. I visited or talked to the Isle of Capri Casio Hotel daily tweaking our final plans. They were the greatest people to work with and catered to almost every one of our needs. So many less hassles than in previous years. From the on-site trailer parking, covered overnight-designated car show parking, great breakfast buffet, and close proximity to all venues, it was just easy for our participants.

When the week arrived, on Tuesday morning there was a press conference, which included all local TV stations and many city officials. Thanks to Jim Conrad, Jess Hanson, Gary Gleason, and John Brewer for bringing their vehicles out and answering the reporter's questions. Tuesday afternoon saw us on Paula Sands Live where the word was spread to an even wider audience.

Wednesday surprisingly brought a great number of out of town participants. They were busy getting the lay of the land and hooking up with other members and friends. Registration opened and packets flowed out briskly.

Thursday people were headed to LeClaire. Shopping, history, restaurants, and oh yes, the "pickers". Those returning had shopping bags full so we did our part in contributing to their economy. Thursday evening was our Dessert Buffet. Sandy Perry had things set up with a lot of great bakers contributing. Plates were full, lips were smacked, and not a crumb was wasted.

Friday more touring was done in the morning. So

many places to see, so little time is what I heard. If you missed the Round Table, it was one of the best that AACA has put on. Those local people who attended were glad they did. Ideas from other Regions were present and questions posed to National Officers were asked and hopefully successfully answered. One of the hiccups was the docking of the American Queen. Its passengers were to depart on day excursions. Last minute confusion was whether it would depart in time for our boat to dock and board for our dinner cruise. I was sweating a little until the Isle people stepped in and made sure it all worked out. The free entertainment of the calliope playing was an extra bonus and set the mood.

Saturday arrived with the sun shining and tolerable temperatures. It's amazing how many members we see at a National Meet on show day that we don't see on other occasions. We miss you and urge participation more often. A good diverse showing of cars was certainly present. From buggies, to brass, all the way up to the nineties were present and accounted for.

Jim Smith and the Etheridges were particular stars. Members of the community and participating AACA were absolutely astounded that they could have a ride in a Model T Ford FREE. Surprising how many AACA people had not had anything to do with a Model T Ford. Guess I take that ability for granted. Then, the Etheridges with their cut away Knight engine! Whether it's a meet or when they bring it to the QCCA Expo center car show, they are always a hit. If any member doesn't know how a sleeve valve engine works, there is no reason for it. We are lucky to have such educators

in our club. Each explains what they are doing or how it's done in a very understandable way. Thanks!

Again John and I have to thank our Committee Chairs: Registration - Jim and Kay Scott; Chief Judge - Fred Bartemeyer Jr.; Trailer Parking - Jim Conrad and Jess Hanson; Dessert Buffet - Sandy Perry; Boat Cruise - LaVonne and Gary Gleason; Show Field Marshall - Jess Hanson; Banquet Coordinator - Jan Brewer; Covers and Booklet Designs - Annette Wilson; and all the members that made them look really good! Comments received were extremely positive and from some who don't throw out compliments easily. We will publish many of those in the "Autograf".

Thanks again for a great meet!

Mary B

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

FALL TOUR TO INDEPENDENCE, IOWA

Dates: October
14 & 15, 2017

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Points of interest:



- ★ The Wapsipicon 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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ACTION ITEM!

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 sending out 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, so less than 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:

- | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> AT&T | <input type="checkbox"/> Boost Mobile | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Cellular |
| <input type="checkbox"/> T-Mobile | <input type="checkbox"/> Cricket | <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer Cellular |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Verizon | <input type="checkbox"/> Ptel | <input type="checkbox"/> C-Spire |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Virgin Mobile | <input type="checkbox"/> Google Fi (Project Fi) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tracfone | <input type="checkbox"/> Suncom | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Metro PCS | <input type="checkbox"/> Ting | |

Option 2:

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

(____) _____ - _____

Option 3:

- Please send reminders via e-mail only. My e-mail address is _____@_____

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

Gary Wright, Autograf Editor





This 1953 Nash Healey convertible really caught my eye!



All enjoyed the delicious banquet.



President Mary made sure everything ran smoothly.

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2017 AACA Fall Central Meet



The Waterfront Convention Center was the site of the 2017 AACA Fall Central Meet



Free Model T rides offered by Jim Smith! This is what got me hooked on old cars when I was a kid—A free Model-T ride at Greenfield Village, Dearborn, Michigan!



1909 Economy G Surrey



A demonstration of the Knight engine was given by Stu and Kathy Etheridge. This engine was well ahead of its time, using sleeve valves. It was licensed to automobile manufacturers provided they used the Knight name on the finished products, thus, Falcon-Knight, Lyons-Knight, Moline-Knight, Stearns-Knight, Willys-Knight, and even the Silent-Knight (no kidding!) and others which all used this engine.



The Etheridge's 1925 Willys-Knight



1910 Sears Buggy available in the Sears catalog back in the day. You could pick it up in Chicago or have it delivered to the nearest railroad depot, uncrate it, do some minor assembly, gas it up, and drive it home!



1915 Moline D Touring Car



1928 Hispano-Suiza T49 Touring Car. The Hispano-Suiza was the car that inspired Harley Earl in his design of the first LaSalle.



This was the only racecar in the show. It's a 1939 Hudson Speedster.





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DES MOINES CONCOURS D' ELEGANCE

By John Brewer



Jan was not able to go this time due to watching her daughter's dog that she had just brought back from Washington State in a rented van (She was rear ended on the interstate in South Dakota on the first day of her trip out there destroying our tow vehicle, but that is another long story)... Since we did not have a tow vehicle, I took the company flatbed truck, which worked out well since I could break away from the show and travel 10 minutes north of Des Moines to pick up an auto lift for the new workshop.

Arrived on show day at 6:30 and they had not laid the field out yet so helped them out in the classic and Nash area. The Nash Class was featured this year because it is the 100th anniversary since Charles Nash bought the Thomas Jeffery Company. We were not going to attend this year due to building the house, but Charles Nash's great grandson called me up and talked me into bring a Nash. I gave the show committee the choice of the 28 or 33 and they chose the 28 Sport Touring.

Charles Nash's parents divorced when he was very young and he and his brothers and sisters were indentured to a farm in Wisconsin. Basically white slaves paid a dollar a week. He went on to become the president of Buick, GMC, and then to own his own company. He saved GMC from bankruptcy due to all the debt that Billy Durant acquired, and made GMC profitable. Then Durant's GMC stock he owned was worth a fortune and he was able to buy his way back into GMC. Nash knowing Billy's money mismanagement, left GMC at that time even though Billy offered him "more money than any man was possibly worth" to stay at GMC. After considering the purchase of many other companies including Packard and Ford, (he and Henry were best friends) he met with Thomas Jeffery and wrote a personal check for \$500,000 as a down payment for the Jeffery Company. Nash was never in debt due to inventory control and prospered every single year in part due to advanced features, quality of product, and treating his workforce right. He even bought back stock paying \$5,100 for every \$100 original value, which created many very rich workers. A book is being written and possibly a screen play on the rags to riches success of Charles Nash.



The judging for this show is based on French rules and is mainly all about the art and design of the automobile along with presentation. If the Nash was judged on missing paint we would have taken second place. There was one other car with almost no paint! Still the Nash had quite a crowd with lots of questions. There were nine other Nash examples at the show from 1937-55. The Classics next to us is a class that are on the **Classic Car Club of America** (CCCA) list of accepted vehicles and always very impressive. The rest of the varied field circled around the huge Pappajohn Sculpture Park filled with art and the show ran till 4:00 PM. Cars are judged from 11:00AM to 1:00 PM and then the top three in each class are driven across the reviewing announcement stand at 2:00 PM and recognized for the award they received. Always a great show, a short distance away, and more room than they had at the Salisbury House in years past. This is entirely free to the public and exhibitors with participants being treated to dinner the night before. Featured speaker this year during dinner was James Weary great grandson of Charles Nash.

It was a very nice day and I returned home with my 2,500-pound lift trophy... John

(Editor's note: There were 154 show-quality cars that were exhibited at the Des Moines Concours d'Elegance at Pappajohn Sculpture Park on Sunday, September 10. At the event, the Iowa Automotive Heritage Foundation was able to raise nearly \$25,000 for the Children's Cancer Connection of Iowa.)

"CAR SHOW" SEASON IS WINDING DOWN!

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/>

- * September 16 - Edison Junior High Car Show, 777 Jumers Dr., Rock Island, Illinois
- * September 16 - Clinton Community College Car Show, 1000 Lincoln Blvd., Clinton, Iowa
- * September 16 - Cruise To Mt. Carroll, Downtown Mt. Carroll, Illinois
- * September 16 - Conesville Dragway Car Show, Conesville, Iowa
- * September 23 - Dixon Fire Dept. Car Show, Down Town Dixon, Iowa
- * September 23 - Bobbers Car Show, 1850 Scales Bend Rd., North Liberty, Iowa
- * September 23 - Vietnam Veterans Cruise In, North Park Mall, Davenport, Iowa
- * September 24 - Quad Cities Vintage Rods Car Show, Black Hawk College, Moline, Illinois
- * September 26 - Quad City Mopar Club Open Cruise In, 826 West 1st St., Coal Valley, Illinois
- * September 29 - Classy Chassy Cruisers Cruise Night, Coral Ridge Mall, Coralville, Iowa
- * September 30 - Princeton Lions Club/Culvers Cruise Night, Princeton, Illinois
- * September 30 - Oquawka Car Show, Oquawka, Illinois
- * October 7 - Rally In The Valley, 110 South 2nd Ave., Sterling, Illinois
- * October 14 - Columbus Day Car Show, Columbus Junction, Iowa
- * October 15 - Princeton Lions Club 40 Miles Toy Run, Princeton, Illinois
- * October 21 - Green Chevrolet Cruise, 1703 Avenue Of The Cities, East Moline, Illinois
- * October 21 - Princeton Lions Club/Culvers Cruise Night, Princeton, Illinois



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: **You don't have to answer all the questions.** 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...

Name: Mary Bartemeyer

1. **Occupation:** Retired
2. **Birth Date:** February 21, 1949
3. **Family:** Son – Fred Jr. Daughter – Connie Crane
4. **First Job:** Dairy Queen
5. **Favorite Food:** Shrimp
6. **One Food I won't touch:** Chinese
7. **Favorite Color:** Red
8. **Favorite Sport:** Indy Racing
9. **Favorite Hobby:** Cars
10. **Favorite TV Show:** Henry Ford's Innovation Nation
11. **Favorite Movie:** I don't go
12. **Favorite Book or Author:** Don't read
13. **Favorite Vacation Spot:** No place special
14. **If I could have one or two things with me on a desert island, it/they would be:** family
15. **Favorite Card Game:** Don't play cards
16. **Favorite Singer or Performer:** All kinds
17. **The Person (living or dead) I would Most Like to meet:** Henry Ford
18. **Something You're Good At:** Chair Caning (*Now there's a lost art! –ed*)
19. **Something You're Bad At:** Yard Work
20. **Work You Most Enjoy:** Promoting Antique Autos
21. **Things I Collect:** Automobiles
22. **Fondest Childhood Memories:** Working with my dad
23. **Peak Experience:** Birth of my kids
24. **Where is your "happy place?"** Garage
25. **One Thing I Feel Strongly About:** Preserving automotive history
26. **I wish I knew how to:** If I don't know how, I try to learn.
27. **I can't stand:** Rude people
28. **Antique/classic Cars I own:** 1926 Ford Model T, 1936 GM Wrecker, 1961 Chevrolet Corvette, 1972 Chevrolet Monte Carlo, 1978 Chevrolet Suburban, 1986 Chevrolet Corvette
29. **Where I found my antique/classic:** Bought most new, inherited some, and restored.
30. **Do you have an interesting story about your car?** The 1926 Model T is an exact copy of what dad drove in the era. It was purchased and restored in 1958/ I've been a member of MVR since 1962. It has now been driven by four generations.



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1936 Dodge

Please call for more details.

(563) 343—4423 (Betty)
or (919) 730-8636 (Pam French)

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WE WANT YOU!

The club needs members to step forward and run for positions. Terms for 3 board members are up this year along with Secretary and Vice President. Not known at this time who will be re running but we need new people willing to contribute a little time as many have done over the years. It is everyone's obligation to help run and guide their club. If interested please contact myself or any of the board to discuss and learn the small commitment of time that is needed. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month for about two hours.

Thanks, *John Brewer*, Vice President, MVR-AACA



WE WANT YOU!

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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