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Mary and Wayne displaying their Fords at the Annual Fathers Day Breakfast

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THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY REGION AACA was established to:

- 1) Promote interest and preservation of antique automobiles.
- 2) Promote family enjoyment and friendship.
- 3) Learn more about the antique automobile and share this knowledge with others.
- 4) Have fun!

There is no meeting in December. Club officers and the Board of Directors meet, unless otherwise specified, the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Members are invited to attend board meetings if they desire. During good weather, normally May through October, at least one outdoor activity is planned each month.

The monthly newsletter, **The Autograf** is published 11 times a year.

Everyone is welcome to join the Club, and ownership of an antique automobile is not a requirement.

MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$14 Single, \$18 Double Send to Barb Hansen, Treasurer (current members), Don Mitchell (new memberships)

2015 MVR CHAPTER EVENTS

Monthly Activities:

August 1st. - HANGAR TOUR / GARAGE TOUR / COOK OUT Saturday August 1st 2015
8:00 A.M. -- 2:00 P.M. organized by Fred Bartemeyer and Jim Smith BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH TO SHARE — Beef Burgers / Bratwursts / hot dogs furnished ([Complete Details on Page 6](#))

Sept. 27th - Steak Fry hosted by Jim Smith

Oct. - Fall Drive (Kalona, Ia. ?)

Nov. 14th - Fall Banquet hosted by John Brewer

From Your Editors

We hope everyone has had a chance to look at the PDF version of our newsletter and also the newsletter on our website. You will find additional information in these formats such as photos, stories, maps and e-mail links, so be sure to look at the PDF or website version. Also, back issues of the Autograf will be on the website that you can view. We are also looking for a new Autograf Editor starting next year. This is Kay & I's 7th year and it is time for new blood. The new PDF format will make doing the Autograf very easy. Most everything for the newsletter is sent to us, such as the Presidents column, the Minutes and future events. If you are interested in becoming the editor, please contact your favorite Board member. (So far it seems everyone is able to read the PDF's and access the newsletter on the website. No one has let us know otherwise. Beginning January of next year, the newsletter will be an e-mail and website version only. If you are not getting monthly e-mails from us, please let us know .

From Your President



Summer is definitely upon us. There are activities all over that can be attended each week-end and some even during the week. Our last was the Father's Day Breakfast. We have not had that many club cars out for a very long time. What a great sight. The breakfast from Jeff's Market was so much better. There were lots of compliments. The Busch's were gracious hosts and have invited us back next year.

Last Saturday was the Bettendorf 4th of July Parade and we had 12 club cars of varying years. Thanks to all who represented the club. The weather was about the right temperature for antique cars and we have a great variety from the teens through the 80's. We will have to work on a better presentation for next year with more club recognition. Perhaps we can coral some youngsters to carry our banner in front. The City of Bettendorf is our host city for our next National Meet in 2017 so we need to support their activities when we can. Check out our Facebook page to see photos.

Our Board of Directors meetings have become a "same old story" forum. **WE NEED INPUT FROM OUR CLUB MEMBERS.** Your Board has been working very hard to provide a variety of events for our members and you seem to like what's been happening BUT we cannot continue to do so without help. Our "Autograf" editors want to retire. We must have someone that can compile articles and events and send them email to our members starting in January. It would be great if we had those of you who restore to help us with technical articles. We need people to write about social events. Many of you have some history that you remember about the club and it's past events or people. If we provide these articles it would be a lot easier to put together the "Autograf".

Suggestions for monthly events are always a help. They all don't have to be drives, they can be around town. What have we done in the past that you have missed and would like to see again? You have a very dedicated Board of Directors, they serve at the wishes of members, but we need those members to help. Sounds like the same old story, well it is, but it's how clubs don't survive. Many of you get the national "Speedster" that talked about cliques in car clubs. Well join our clique, it's not that hard, and we have a pretty good time doing it.

Thanks to my trusty mechanic, Lizzie is back on the road. Hope to see you soon!
Mary B

MVR Board Meeting

ACA Board Meeting – July Meeting July 1, 2015
Butterworth Center Moline IL

Present:

Mary Bartemeyer, President
John Brewer, Vice President
Dick Perry, Past President
Jan Brewer, Secretary
Barb Hansen, Treasurer
Jim & Kay Scott, Editors
Fred Bartemeyer, Board Member
Gary Gleason, Board Member
Jess Hansen, Board Member
Steve Sabbe, Board Member
Gary Smith, Board Member
Jim Smith, Board Member

Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Vice President Brewer

Minutes:

President Bartemeyer made the following amendment to the June minutes. A decision was made to participate in the July 4th Parade, Bettendorf, Iowa. A motion was then made and passed approving the June minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasury report was given and will be filed for audit. A motion was made and accepted to donate \$200 to Alleman High School at the request of Bush Farms for the use of their facility. A motion was made and accepted to send \$100 to the servers (2@ \$50 ea.) for the catering of the breakfast.

Sunshine: One anniversary card was sent out

Roster: Printed and distributed

Membership: Motion made and approved to accept 3 new memberships membership.

Web Master: Newsletters and events are posted online.

Historian: Nothing to report.

Old Business:

Farmer's Market had a good turnout. Pancake breakfast attendance was at 140 people. At Blossoms at Butterworth, Pres. Bartemeyer was interviewed by channel 4. Channel 6 also aired the event, showing the antique cars.

New Business:

Our ACAA Regional Meet date for 2017 has been accepted. July 10th is Collector Car Appreciation Day and a tour is being set up. A motion was made and accepted to invite the Q.C. Cruisers to this event. The rest of the monthly events are shaping up and details will be in the Autograf. Annette Wilson made a new "waterproof" banner for our club events, materials donated by Pres. Bartemeyer.

Motion made and approved to adjourn meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted by: Jan Brewer, Secretary

Become involved in YOUR club.....I believe that typically in any club when things run smoothly membership is satisfied and members can become complacent. YOUR club is in need of, as always, members taking part in active involvement. Us less experienced members need to look at our treasured experienced members and realize that they all did their part in contributing to YOUR club and many actively still do. Some members have been on the board a long time and many of us do it because no one else is stepping up. PLEASE step up!!!!

YOUR Autograf is transitioning in delivery method and should be easier to compose next year saving funds so we can subsidize more activities. It may take several contributing people, as has been suggested, in many different relevant subjects of interest. Each person on the Autograf staff could produce their field of experience producing a page monthly with one editor orchestrating it. If interested in contributing please let us know! Anyone can contribute stories to the Autograf and it is interesting learning about experiences from early club times. This is our main form of communicating with everyone along with E-Mail. Please keep us updated with current E-Mail addresses!
John Brewer

Father's Day Breakfast at the Bush Farm
 Sunday, June 21st



Kenney & Dick in a very serious discussion



WOW! That's really weird. No not Jess, the windmill on the ceiling!



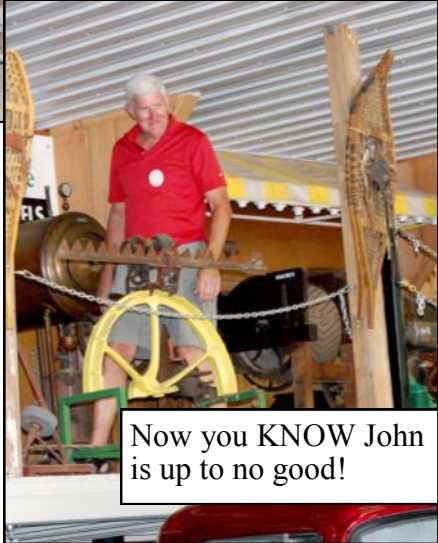
George Bush helping Barb at the Breakfast



Not to worry Keith, Jeff's Market never runs out of food!



Val with Kent's Father looking at the many old farm machines at the Bush Farm



Now you KNOW John is up to no good!

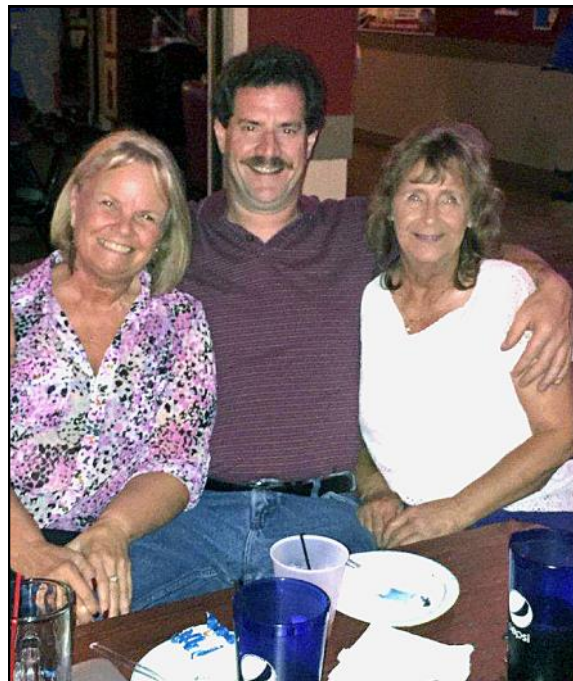
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Blossoms at Butterworth

Sunday at Blossoms turned out to be a nice day with many of our members present. We even had John Nicklodyme show up with a 1919 Velie delivery car. Turns out he was passing through the area and after talking to Neil decided to show this rare vehicle before returning to Nebraska. There were many kid activities on both grounds and great live music. Jan and I were walking around with my daughter's family and the storm suddenly moved in. By the time we finally got back to the car everyone was gone and it was pouring! Now the Auburn being an open car does not have side windows but at least we have a top to stay somewhat dry. On our way home most streets were curb to curb with water. We were on River Drive in Davenport heading west in the inner lane to avoid the deeper water when a lady driving a SUV came up in the outer lane. As I looked at Jan to see if she was staying dry, a wall of water came in her side from the wake this SUV was making and she certainly was dry no more..... At the next light she had to open the door to let some water out.....
John Brewer



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He tells me he's 50 ----I DIDN'T KNOW HE'S OLDER THAN I AM!!!!!!!

Dick Sabbe

HANGAR TOUR / GARAGE TOUR / COOK OUT and GARAGE TOUR

Saturday August 1st 2015 8:00 A.M. -- 2:00 P.M.

Organized by Fred Bartemeyer and Jim Smith

BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH TO SHARE

Beef Burgers / Bratwursts / hot dogs furnished

Meet at the Davenport Airport North entrance gate on Harrison St. (see map below) Park facing north on the grass south of the dark green hangars #1—6 looking north.

The local chapter 75 of the Experimental Aircraft Association is having their 1st, Saturday coffee and donuts open house starting at 8:30 A.M. EXTRA donuts and coffee are being supplied for our group so make yourself welcome. This should give a great opportunity to mingle with area pilots who fly in or have their planes in hangars at Davenport. A count of those in attendance will be made at the airport for food and other preparations at the Smith home.

9:30 + - We leave for the next garage tour to Mary Bartemeyer home 2904 Cambridge Dr. Bettendorf Iowa where Fred will make an auto presentation .??

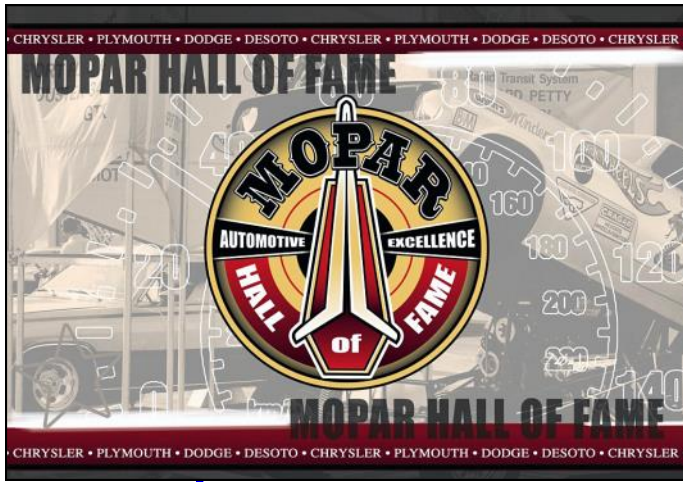
11:00 + - We leave for the cook out and another garage tour at the Smith home #1 Temple Lane Davenport Iowa. Park on the drive and the grass as directed. Burgers, Brats and Dogs should be cooked by 12:30. We will have tables set up. PEASE BRING YOUR OWN TABLE SERVICE.

You may want to bring your lawn chair.

Map / directions handouts will be available at the airport.

Fred Bartemeyer 563-340-5897 Jim Smith 563-340-5131





MVR Member Lee Smith is inducted into the MOPAR HALL of FAME

Lee Smith is perhaps one of the most colorful drag racers the Midwest ever turned out – thanks in large part to his incredibly colorful "Crazee 'Cuda" Hemi Pro Stocker and its very similar Super Stock cousin, Lee's '67 Plymouth "Whackee Wagon." The rainbow-colored racers were instantly recognizable a mile away, but Lee's affiliation with Plymouth goes well back before those cars, to his racing Super Stock Plymouths in the early sixties, and then becoming one of the six drivers to receive a factory altered wheel-base A/FX Plymouth in 1965. Smith's "Haulin' Hemi II" A/FX altered car (now restored), is perhaps his best-known ride, and certainly the car which put Lee Smith on the national stage. However, anyone who got the chance to see his later cars in action would argue, his cars only got better as time went on!

CONGRATULATION'S LEE



I just asked for Technical Articles so I guess I better start the ball rolling.

How I Fix Lizzie - by Mary B

Step 1 - Call Fred - "I broke Lizzie!" (listen to his sigh)

Step 2 - "What's it doing" - It won't start.

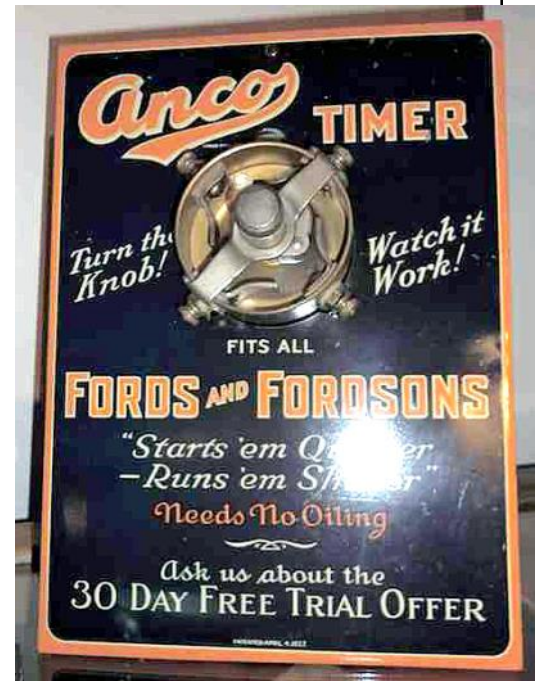
Conclusion - I (it had to be me) wore out the original ignition switch. I ordered the parts from one of the reproduction parts places, but they don't fit the wiring! How could my Dad rewire Lizzie with the wrong size wire. Back to the drawing board. Now the search is on, we buy one switch at the White Elephant Sale, and two in Hershey. Patiently my son melds the three together and we have ignition. The coils are buzzing. We're off to the Father's Day breakfast. It had been a long time since it started so well.

While I diligently talk to people at the breakfast, Fred and John Brewer take Lizzie to help Wayne Scherer with his T. I didn't even know they were gone. Well after that Lizzie had an engine miss. I didn't notice it on the way over but it sure was there on the way back. I don't know what those 3 did to her but she didn't like it. I am blaming the rest of her problems on Fred, John, and Wayne.

Jim Smith helped diagnose it as either the coils or the timer, so first the coils were tested and slightly adjusted thanks again to my son with his handy dandy coil tester. At first it was missing in high, after the coils were adjusted it was missing in low. So on to the timer. This time I'm hands on. I hold in my hand the tools and when Fred asks, I hand them over. Next my important job is to pick up the parts that fall to the floor, hold the light in the right place, and never be without paper towels since Lizzie is a bit greasy. Just like surgery. Well the timer was a mess, time to dig through the stash of timers that have been picked up over the years. Back together and the test drive at 10 p.m. goes wonderfully. Next morning I am driving her down to the 4th of July parade, beaming from ear to ear that she is running so great and taking credit for all the help I wasn't.

There is a towing service in town that touts "Car Dead Call Fred". Well I'm certainly glad that I have my own Fred to call. It doesn't hurt to have his name on the title either. The car belongs to him when it's broke and me when it's running like a Singer Sewing Machine. Thanks Kid!

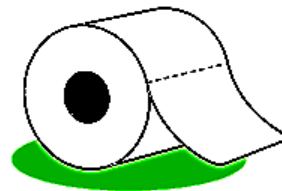
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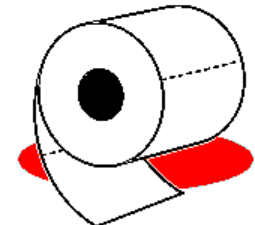
Coffee

Last Saturday we had a visitor at our house that needed to use not only Jan's bathroom upstairs but also mine downstairs due to the effects of coffee before driving to the Bettendorf Parade. Now years ago I adopted the correct procedure for assembling the toilet paper on the dispenser. In studying the PROPER way to prevent a runaway roll I found it should unwind from the back side. Now I have done this for the past 50+ years with very good results. Now this person from our club, who I will not name but initials are Val, not only turned my roll around to feed from the front side but to add insult to injury also left the seat down.... And this was all from the effects of coffee and I imagine someone's goal to try and get my goat which I got rid of years ago along with a black pony.... Glad I am not a coffee drinker...

John Brewer



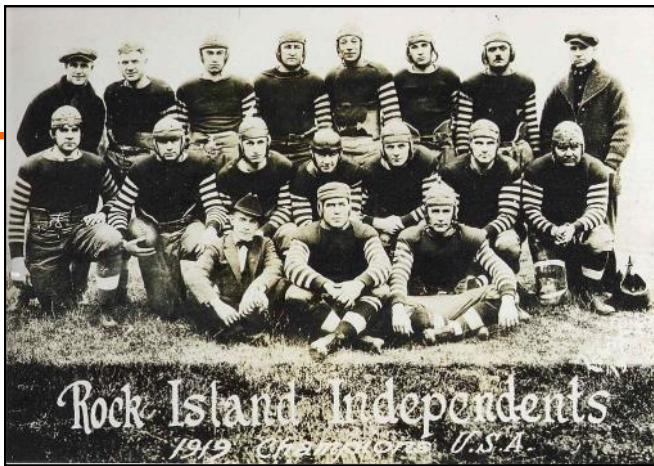
This is right.
(good)



This is wrong.
(bad)

Club members participating in the Bettendorf 4th of July Parade

Photo's sent in by Bob & Angie Kerr



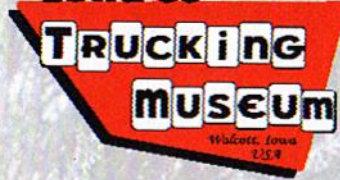
universal Tractors (The Muts). It will be played using 20's rules and equipment. The Rock Island Independents were one of the original NL teams and the Moline Universal Tractors was the first opponent of the Chicago Bears (at that time called the Decatur Staleys). They are hoping to have some 20's era cars to have on the sidelines to help create the true 20's atmosphere. If you have a car the is from this period and are willing to participate contact: Dick Perry 762-6563

20'sEra Cars Needed

On Sunday August 23, 2015 there will be a vintage football game at 2 p.m. at Douglas Park in Rock Island. The Quad Cities had two profession football teams. The game, sponsored by the Parks & Recreation Dept., will be between the Rock Island Independents and the Moline Uni-

Join Us for the 12th Annual

Iowa 80



Charity Golf Tournament

Monday, August 10, 2015



For more info and to register;

www.iowa80truckingmuseum.com

Dick Sabbe sent this in.

Some boys actually discovered a 1974 Ferrari Dino 246 GTS buried just a few feet under the dirt in their yard. The family had just moved into the house and immediately called authorities who came and roped off the area. A team of investigators arrived and unearthed the very valuable rare car.

Farmers Insurance was contacted and using the VIN number, they found the last owner. After the investigation, it turns out that the owner of the car had actually hired thieves to steal the car and dump it in the ocean so he could claim the insurance on it. The thieves buried the car with the intention of returning to pick it up.

