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President's Message

February 2021 Presidents Column

I am so sick and tired of this weather and the seclusion in my house as I'm sure everyone else is. If the temperature is above 20 degrees, my dog and I walk our mile and a half, but it has not been above 20 for over a week. My dog is sick and tired of this weather. She nudges my elbow and doesn't understand my reluctance to walk. However "there is light at the end of the tunnel" as the song goes, there is a club event this month. Our 2022 Meet Chairman has been busy while we have been snuggled in our blankets and has something to show us. On February 20th we will be touring the Hyatt and Bend Expo, the site voted on by the Board of Directors to hold our next meet. I was invited to join a tour of the Expo along with Chief Judge Fred Bartemeyer and Meet Chairman Mark Lousberg while they were putting the final touches on it, and to put it mildly WOW. It is brand new and very impressive. I hope all of you will take these two tours and get the same impression. Most of our meet will be in air conditioned comfort, there will be a food station, lots of restrooms and did I mention air conditioning in August. What a deal and a deal they are giving us. Acres of trailer parking, room for vendors and even flea market space.

There is plenty of room for social distancing and for this event please wear your masks.

- Mary B



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2022 Midwest National Fall Meet

Planning is well underway by the Mississippi Valley Region for our Fall 2022 meet. We are focusing on East Moline and the brand new BEND XPO facility to host an indoor, weatherproof show. This 40,000 square foot facility is state of the art with excellent lighting, ventilation, concession stands, restrooms and meeting areas. Its proximity to the Hyatt Place at The Bend means that accommodations for out of town guests are co-located with the show field.

Join us for a tour 10:00 on Saturday February 20th at the Hyatt Place, 111 Bend Boulevard, East Moline and next door at the Bend XPO at 11:00 A.M.

Additional supporting highlights for locating the show in East Moline include:

- Plenty of trailer parking
- Area for vendors
- Multiple restaurants within The Bend area
- A fuel station at the entrance
- Planned outdoor concerts in The Bend green space
- Proximity to the RV Moline-Knight test track for historical interest
- Strong support from the City of East Moline

Website Changes!

Our Webmaster, Dwayne Cederblom is doing some behind the scenes changes to our club website. One big project is a page showing every member's car. **He needs your photographs.**

Dwayne asks that you email him a picture of your car that is 1 mb or less. This is optimal for our website system.

Send your car photo along with the car's description (year, make & model) to dwaynec48@gmail.com



MVR Board of Directors Meeting January/February 2021 at Butterworth Center, Moline, IL.

February 3, 2021

Members present: Mary Bartemeyer, Fred Bartemeyer, John Brewer, Jim Conrad, Alan Ford, Gary Gleason, Mark Lousberg, Dick and Sandy Perry

Absent: Sharon Hoaglund, Clair Pearson, Gary Smith, Jim Smith

Minutes of the last MVR Board meeting in June of 2020 were approved as published in the Autograph.

Treasurer's reports for Year End 2020 and January 2021 were approved and filed for audit.

Sunshine: Sympathy cards have been mailed to member families during this time. Roster: no reports

Membership – 125 members– down 8 from 2019. We have lost 6 MVR members due to the virus or other. Gary Gleason completed the annual membership report as required by AACA.

Webmaster – Mark Lousberg reported on behalf of Dwayne Cederblom that he still needs photos of members' cars. He seeking a program that would allow images to cycle in a better way.

OLD BUSINESS:

Members who participated in last year's mini tours and picnic venues reported they enjoyed the tours and mealtimes. However, we need to also find ways to publicize our club to the public during the year.

NEW BUSINESS:

The National Meet scheduled for August 11-13, 2022 was fully discussed in order to make a definitive selection of a meet hotel and car show venue. The Board voted to hold the 2022 event at The Bend Event Center and Hyatt House Hotel (99 rooms) in East Moline, IL., with the car display/judging held inside the auction building. The motion to formalize the agreement was made by John Brewer, seconded by Fred Bartemeyer. The building can hold 125 cars, with a snack bar, restrooms, meeting rooms, display rooms, A/C, exhaust venting, security, etc. All required components of a national meet can be held inside. Rental is \$1,000/day, needed for Friday and Saturday. Ample trailer parking is available on the grounds and nearby on private lots. Hotel rooms are \$129/night incl. breakfast, with 300 room nights reserved. The Bend also offers outdoor concerts in the nearby band shell. Additional discussion involved Thursday night's Hospitality event and the awards ceremony. A tour of the facilities for anyone is Sat., Feb. 20th at 11 a.m.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES: Board members tentatively signed up host a monthly event in 2021 as follows:

February 20 – Tour of The Bend facilities in E. Moline – 10 a.m. – Mark Lousberg

March, July and October are open events.

April – Mary Bartemeyer

May – Driving tour - Gleasons

June 5– Family Day Breakfast and Games at West Lake Park, Davenport, IA hosted by John Brewer

August – Driving/Scavenger Hunt – Perrys

September – Drive and hot dog roast hosted by Jim Smith and Mrs. Moffit

November 14 – Year End Banquet hosted by John and Jan Brewer

Board voted to facilitate and participate in the monthly Country Style Cars and Ice Cream events in Davenport, IA

Suggestion was made to ask others in MVR to host or co-host an event during the year.

CLUB LOGO: Mark Lousberg reported on a possible new club logo showing both IL and IA with the river between, a star for the Quad Cities and profile images of 2 different vintage cars on each state. It will be shown to members and voted on when available. The goal is to clarify the location of the MVR region to others.

FINANCIAL AUDIT – will be arranged to review records for 2020 ASAP.

AUTOGRAPH – Mark L. welcomes member stories at all times. 16 members receive a mailed copy. The Board commended Mark for the excellent job he is doing as our editor!! THANK YOU, MARK!!!!

INFORMATION ON NEARBY OR MIDWEST CAR EVENTS DURING 2021

Special Thanks to Alan Ford and Sandy Perry for compiling this list

April 24 – QC Cruisers' Cruise-In – Southpark Mall, Moline, IL. 3 – 6 p.m. Food vendors on site
April 25th Cars & Ice Cream 3:30-5:00, Country Style Ice Cream, 5264 Utica Ridge Road. Davenport, IA.
May 8 - QC Cruiser's Cruise-in – Southpark Mall, Moline, IL. 3 – 6 p.m. Food vendors on site
May 8 – 13th Annual Alpha Car Show – Downtown Alpha, IL. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Entry Fee: \$10
May 15 – 2Supercarsisterz Car Show –Silvis Hy-Vee Lot (Pre-Reg .& \$15 by 4/27) Sponsored by 2CarSisterz, 1709 E 3rd St., Coal Valley, IL Info: Steph 309-314-5542/Jenn309-428-1641
May 15 – Veterans Car Club Cruise in, NW Bank Lot, Dav. IA , 3 – 7 p.m. (no fee)
May 30—Cars & Ice Cream 3:30-5:00, Country Style Ice Cream, 5264 Utica Ridge Road. Davenport, IA.
June 5 – 2Supercarsisterz Car Show – JD Road Hy-Vee Lot (Pre-Reg & \$15 by 5/15 – see above)
June 6—12th Annual Muscatine Diabetes Project Benefit Car Show 10:00—4:00. Information, Mike: 563-260-7452
June 12 – QC Cruisers' Open Run XXXVIII Car Show – Southpark Mall, Moline - \$15/car
June 17 – Sam's Drive in Cruise Night – 705 W. Blackhawk Dr., Byron, IL, 5:30 – 8 p.m.
June 19 – Veterans Car Club – Cruise in, NW Bank Lot, Dav. I, 3-7 p.m. (no fee)
June 19 – 2Supercarsisterz Car Show – Ave of the Cities Hy-Vee (Pre-Reg & \$15 by 6/5- see above)
June 16-20 - 2021 Plymouth Owners Club National Meet, Springfield, IL.
June 27 – Rods on the River – Car, Truck and Bike Show – Main St., Port Byron, IL. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. \$10 fee
June 27—Cars & Ice Cream 3:30-5:00, Country Style Ice Cream, 5264 Utica Ridge Road. Davenport, IA
July 3 – Coal Valley Days Car Show – Coal Valley Park – 1st Street –(Pre-Reg & \$15 by June 15 to Rob or Darci Pettit 309-799-5671)
July 10 – QC Cruisers' Cruise-In – Mills Chevrolet, Davenport, IA – 5 – 8 p.m.
July 10 – 30th Ann. Hib Reber Mem. Car Show – United Church of Byron, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. \$10 fee
July 15 – Sam's Drive in Cruise Night – 705 W. Blackhawk Dr., Byron, IL, 5:30 – 8 p.m.
July 17 – Veterans Car Club of QC – Car Show, NW Bank Lot, Dav. IA (Pre-Reg \$15)
-Facebook add. Seabee40@costeldridge.com Send \$15 Veterans CC of Q.C. 131 W. Scott St. Eldridge, IA 52748
July 24- Princeton IA Emergency Responders – 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. Princeton, IA (Pre-Reg. \$10 by 7/13)
July 24 – 2Supercarsisterz Show – Devils Glen Fasts & Fresh (Pre-Reg & \$15 by 7/6) see above
July 25—Cars & Ice Cream 3:30-5:00, Country Style Ice Cream, 5264 Utica Ridge Road. Davenport, IA.
August 12 - Sam's Drive in Cruise Night – 705 W. Blackhawk Dr., Byron, IL, 5:30 – 8 p.m.
August 14 - QC Cruiser's Cruise-in – Southpark Mall, Moline, IL. 3 – 6 p.m. Food vendors on site
August 21 - Veterans Car Club – Cruise in, NW Bank Lot, Davenport. IA, 3-7 p.m. (no fee)
August 21 – Hampton Days Car/Motorcycle Show-Cruise In, Hampton, IL 8 a.m – 3 p.m. (Reg \$10)
August 22 – Galva Freedom Fest, Wiley Park, Galva, 8 – 2 (Reg \$10 early or \$12 same day)
August 29—Cars & Ice Cream 3:30-5:00, Country Style Ice Cream, 5264 Utica Ridge Road. Davenport, IA.
Sept. 5 – Orion Fall Festival Car Show – Main St. – 9 – 4 (Reg \$12) – Music & food tent on site
Sept. 9 - Sam's Drive in Cruise Night – 705 W. Blackhawk Dr., Byron, IL, 5:30 – 8 p.m.
Sept. 11 - QC Cruiser's Cruise-in – Southpark Mall, Moline, IL. 3 – 6 p.m. Food vendors on site
Sept. 11 – Geneseo Trains, Planes and Autos – Downtown Geneseo – all day – no fee
Sept. 12 – Clinton Kiwanis Show – Clinton, IA – 9 – 3 (Reg. \$15 by 8/25 to Clinton Kiwanis Club)
Sept. 18 – 2Supersisterz Show – Northgate Shopping Ctr. – Dav., (Pre-Reg & \$15 by 9/1) see above
Sept. 25 – Dixon Iowa Fire Dept. Show – D.T. Dixon, 8 – 3 – (Reg. \$10 before 9/25 or \$15 show day)
Sept. 26—Cars & Ice Cream 3:30-5:00, Country Style Ice Cream, 5264 Utica Ridge Road. Davenport, IA.
Oct 6-9 – HERSHEY FALL NATIONALS – Hershey, PA – Swap meet and Car show on 10/9

My First Antique Vehicle. -A Monthly Feature

Steve Sabbe has been a member of the AACA and MVR since 2008. As many of you know, his association with our club and antique cars began long before that.

By Steve Sabbe

My first antique car was a 1974 Corvette but it was 15 years old when I bought it so it wasn't an antique. I kept that car for 24 years though so it became my first antique car.

The Vette was a fun driver and I put 3000 miles on it every summer. It was a No-Extras car having just the Deluxe interior which was leather seats with wood inserts on the doors. The windows were manual as were the door locks. It was the L48 350 CU IN engine with an automatic transmission.

Why a Vette? I always wanted one and this one fell into my lap. It was sitting on 4th Avenue in Moline by Riverside pool and my dad saw it and called me. I came down to check it out and couldn't believe the price. I wondered what was wrong with it. (I learned later about mid-70s Corvette pricing being soft.) I drove it and loved it. It was a Corvette and that was all that mattered. I used it as a second car, on weekends, after work and only in nice weather.

I sold it 8 years ago to get the 83 Buick Riviera Convertible. The proceeds from selling The Vette were just enough to pay for the Buick, so it was really a straight trade. For me the Riviera was always a car to be had. Growing up around cars and going to Buick shows with my Dad influenced me and the Riviera was a goal of mine.



Please send the stories of your first car and your first restoration in for publication. Thanks, Mark

Former Cadillac Stamping Plant to be Demolished

As published in *dbusiness*

NorthPoint Development and LoPatin & Co. have announced plans to redevelop the 44.8-acre site of the former Cadillac Stamping Plant located one-half mile south of the Coleman A. Young International Airport in Detroit.

The project will include the demolition of an abandoned factory (9501 Conner Ave.) and the construction of a new 684,000 square foot Class A industrial building targeted toward automotive suppliers and advanced manufacturing and logistics opportunities. The project addresses the lack of manufacturing space in the region, which has been a hindrance in attracting large corporate tenants. It will likely open in the next 18 months.

“This abandoned industrial site will be remediated of hazardous materials, the structure will be demolished, and the new building will create hundreds of jobs and tax revenue for the city, county, and state,” says Tim Conder, director of development of NorthPoint in Kansas City. “This redevelopment is a win-win for the city of Detroit and the residents of this community.”



The City of Detroit Brownfield Redevelopment Authority received Michigan Strategic Fund (MSF) approval of \$3.3 million in state tax capture to reimburse for eligible Brownfield remediation activities, which makes redevelopment of the site possible.

The property has a history of manufacturing uses dating to 1919, when the Knodell Division of Clayton and Lambert Manufacturing Co. established an automotive stamping and metal working plant to supply various automakers. In 1925, it was sold to Hudson Motor Car Co. (Hudson’s department store fame), which used it for manufacturing cars. It was later sold to Cadillac, which made car body panels at the site.

From there, it was sold in 1993 to Ivan Doverspike, who used the plant to build machine tools, followed by a storage operation. Businessman Bill Hults acquired the property in 1993, and he announced plans to build modular homes inside the facility, but the deal never materialized.

The new owners state they will undertake an extensive cleanup of the soil, asbestos removal, and demolition of the site. The project will also include the improvement of public sidewalks on the property.

“This project will bring an underutilized site back to productivity, creating skilled trades job opportunities in Detroit and supporting business expansion efforts in key industries to bring increased economic prosperity for the region,” says Josh Hundt, chief business development officer and executive vice president on the Michigan Economic Development Corp.

The city of Detroit is supporting the project with the local portion of the Act 381 Work Plan request valued at \$4.7 million and an anticipated 12-year Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption valued at \$8.1 million. The developer plans to work with the Detroit at Work career center for hiring with a commitment to give preference to city residents.

20 Years Ago in the Mississippi Valley Region.

By Gary Gleason, Club Historian

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Dick and Sandy Perry along with Bob and Carol Connole attended the Barrett-Jackson Auction in Scottsdale ,AZ. They could not find any cars that the bank account would allow them to buy, but did bid on some barbecue sandwiches.

They did see a 1921 Dodge Brothers House Car. It was an early version of a camper complete with stove, sink, and a bed. It sold for \$8700.



Plans continued for the AACA Grand National in August.

Committee Chairmen are:

Craig Beek-Meet Chairman

Al Edmond-Chief Judge

Dick and Sandy Perry- Registration

Jack Kirik-Field Marshall

Bud Walker-Field Photos

Cy Galley-Treasurer

Bob Connole-Trophies

Bob Bartel-Field Food Vendors

Coralie Wendt-Welcoming Party

Scott Lohman-Awards Banquet

Ron Phillips-Merchandising

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The February event was dinner and a show at Circa 21 for a performance of Jesus Christ Superstar.

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