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President's Message

As I told many at Show 'N' Tell, nothing has tripped my trigger for the April Event. In lieu of driving the countryside or meeting in a stuffy room, bring out your vehicle to the Country Style Ice Cream "Cars and Ice Cream" on April 25th from 3 to 5 with polish in hand and enjoy an ice cream. Country Style has graciously donated their parking lot for our monthly "Cars and Ice Cream" with loads of publicity that takes place the last Sunday of every month April to September. Last summer there were always at least 20 plus cars that attended and we received several new members. Mark Lousberg has worked hard to bring recognition to our club in hopes of obtaining new members and getting our name out there.

Since last winter, we've lost several long time members. WE MUST GET THE WORD OUT THAT WE ARE THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY REGION of the ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA dedicated to the preservation, education, and restoration of vehicles 25 years of age and older. Of course we like to drive the back roads, we enjoy the feel of the open road, and the camaraderie of likeminded people, but not many people see us enjoying ourselves with our cars. To expand... or maybe a better phrasing... to continue our hobby, we need to attend places that show our hobby where we can explain how our vehicles work and pass out info explaining who and what we are all about, and why we are passionate about our vehicles. We will be driving all summer long, but we are also putting an emphasis on increasing our membership thru Cruise In's and other stationery displays. Please help us in this endeavor!!!

- Mary B



MVR Board of Directors Meeting April 7, 2021 at Butterworth Center, Moline, IL.

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

Minutes of last meeting held March 3, 2021 were approved with two corrections.

Treasurer's report for March was approved and filed for audit. Sunshine: Charlene Enstrom (former member) passed away March 31 at Overlook Village, Moline, IL.

Roster: no report

Membership –New Member application submitted for Richard and Winnie Simmon, 2804-24 St, Rock Island, IL. 61201. Sponsored by Wayne Scherer. Vehicle is a 1969 Ford F-100. Membership now 123.

Webmaster – No report

OLD BUSINESS:

March Show & Tell event held at Butterworth Center Carriage House was attended by 18 people with some very interesting items presented. Photos and write up will appear in next Autograph.

AACA Annual Meeting scheduled for June 5th in Williamsburg, VA. Mary Bartemeyer will attend. We have \$800 budgeted for anyone else able to attend.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mark Lousberg reported that the contracts for the Hyatt Hotel and Bend Event Center have been signed to reserve hotel rooms and Event Center space for the National Meet August 11-13, 2022. John Brewer presented two possible parking plans for vehicles inside the Event Center. Discussion on need to recruit additional members to plan National Meet. John Brewer will make list of specific committee duties. Additional discussion involved ways to publicize club during public events (banners, pop-up canopy, cylinder scrolls, etc.)

Club Logo – Mark Lousberg reported that MVR now has ownership of the logo as we worked with the artist to create the design, made changes and approved final design. Colorizing will be added for additional visibility/contrast before printing on club generated items.

Denise Schmidlein seeking to sell Gabe's 1922 Velie 58 Touring car located in Colona, IL. Details in Autograph.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES:

April 25 (Sunday) – Driving tour (TBD) and Cars and Ice Cream at Country Style, Bettendorf, IA - Mary Bartemeyer, host.

May 22 (Saturday) – Scavenger Hunt/Driving tour on Iowa side. Meet at 10 a.m. in parking lot across street west of Thunder Bay Grill, 6511 N. Brady St, Davenport, IA (across Rte. 61 from Menards). Bring your own lunch, drink and lawn chairs for picnic lunch following drive. All cars will have driver and navigator. Gleasons are hosts.

June 5 (Saturday)– Family Day Breakfast and Games at West Lake Park, Davenport, IA hosted by Clair Pearson

July (TBD) – Perrys will arrange an event (tour or museum visit being considered)

August 28 (Saturday) – Driving tour and Cookout – Jim Smith and Mrs. Moffit, hosts.

September 11 (Saturday) - Planes, Trains and Automobiles in Geneseo, and picnic- Scott and Jennifer Johnson

October – Mark Lousberg TBA

HERSHEY – October 5 – 9, 2021

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

Meeting adjourned 7:56 p.m. Submitted by Sandy Perry, Secretary

Are you working on a car related project ? (For most of us that answer is probably "YES".) Do you want to share your project and progress with the club? Send a picture and a story in to the Editor! Let your friends in the club follow your restoration.

TEC TIP

My 1946 Chrysler Royal is in pieces and in between working on it and sanity breaks I collect needed parts. I have been looking for a new temperature gauge unit for some time when I was directed to John Wolf & Co. as a place to *repair* my broken unit.

I called John and explained that the bulb was broken off the end of the capillary tube. He said that was no problem. The only thing he cannot fix is one that has been pegged out to HOT.

I sent my temperature gauge in to John and less than 10 days later it was returned and repaired for well under \$200.00

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Summer's End.

A spot dedicated to our member's that have passed.

Charleen Enstrom. March 31, 2021

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Please Welcome Richard & Winnie Simmon of Rock Island, Illinois to the MVR.

1969 Ford F-100

INFORMATION ON NEARBY OR MIDWEST CAR EVENTS DURING 2021

- 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)
- 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 Fast's & 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 28 (Saturday) – Driving tour and Cookout – Jim Smith and Mrs. Moffit, hosts.
- 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



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UPCOMING APRIL & MAY MVR ACTIVITIES

The **FIRST Cars & Ice Cream** of 2021 will be on the 25th of April at the **Country Style** located at 5264 Utica Ridge Road, Davenport Iowa. See you there at 3:00 PM



MVRAACA May Activity

May 22, 2021

Hosted by LaVonne and Gary Gleason

The **May activity** will be a drive & scavenger hunt on the Iowa side of the river.

Saturday the 22nd we will meet at Thunder Bay Grill (6511 N. Brady Street, Davenport, IA) in the overflow parking lot which is West of Thunder Bay Grill, across "Jason Way" road.

We will leave the parking lot at 10:00 A.M. Bring a lunch, drinks and a lawn chair as we may not have tables at the lunch stop.

Please come even if you don't have a partner. We will pair people up or even have 3 to a car so more people can participate.

Rain or Shine

BUDDY L – “TOYS FOR BOYS”

Buddy L toys were born from a father’s wish to find a toy that his adventurous four-year-old son could not unintentionally break. The father was Fred A. Lundhal, owner of Moline Pressed Steel Company in East Moline. The company produced stamped steel parts for various American automobile companies and International Harvester. The son was Arthur who went by the nickname Buddy L. The “L” distinguished Buddy from several other children in the area with the same nickname. Not being able to find a toy to meet the indestructibility challenge, Lundhal decided to create one from left over steel scraps. The result was a 2-foot long all steel toy truck. The following year when Buddy L turned five, Lundhal created a steel dump truck for his son. It was not long before requests for these large sturdy toys were made from neighborhood youngsters and their parents. These requests led to the founding of one of the largest toy companies in America. In 1921 Lundhal converted part of his machine shop to toy making and named the line Buddy L after his son. It was not long before production shifted to all toys including cars, dump trucks, delivery vans, fire engines, construction equipment, and trains. Size and quality were hallmarks of the toys. Some were large enough for a child to straddle, propelling himself along with his feet. Many had real working parts like crank turned buckets or a compressed air piston that would raise the bed of a dump truck. The details were impressive: rubber tires or caterpillar treads, realistic lacquered paint jobs and an identifying decal. Marketed as “Toys for Boys”, Lundhal took his designs to the New York City toy show in 1922. Despite a relatively high selling price of \$5.00 for many of the items, F.A.O. Schwartz and Marshall Field placed sizable orders and promoted the toys in their stores throughout the 1920’s. The toys could also be ordered from the Sears & Roebuck catalog. The Buddy L dump truck cost \$3.98. For almost ten years, Fred Lundhal enjoyed the growth and success of his company. Unfortunately, in 1930 he died from surgical complications. The company was sold, and the name was changed to Buddy “L” Manufacturing. Fortunately, the toys continued to be produced to Lundhal’s standards and production stayed in East Moline. Things were running smoothly until the United States entered World War II. Steel could only be used for war production and the company sought government contracts. They changed their toy production to wooden vehicles, calling them Buddy L Victory Toys. In 1948 Richard Keats joined the company. He took over leadership in 1976. By the time the decision was made in 1968 to relocate the company to Neosho, Missouri, more than 100 million Buddy L toys had been produced here in East Moline. In 1990 Keats sold the company to SLM International marking the end of Buddy L as an independent company. There is something distinctive and realistic about a Buddy L toy that sets it apart from the multitude of other mechanical toys. Over the years they have become very collectable not only to individuals, but to museums as well. A concrete mixer is part of the collection at the Smithsonian Museum of American History in Washington, D.C. One can also be found in the sun porch at RICHS! Buddy L toys are included in the exhibit “Play: The Story of Toys” at the Putnam Museum in Davenport, Iowa. There can be no doubt that Buddy L toys have lived up to Fred Lundhal’s original goal of creating a toy both durable enough and imaginative enough to captivate his son.



20 Years Ago in the Mississippi Valley Region

By Gary Gleason

MVR AACA April 2001

Twenty-Eight members attended the March meeting at the Deere-Wyman Carriage House. The event was a potluck. VP Craig Beek discussed the upcoming events for the year and the August Grand National. Chuck Hoaglund presented a slide show on the building of the AACA Museum. Mike and Audrey Birmingham drove their 1935 Packard, the only old car there.

The Western Illinois Antique Auto Club based in Galesburg, IL. is having a tour to the Quad Cities on April 22nd and plan to be at Ryan's Steakhouse in Davenport at approximately noon. They have invited members of the MVRAACA to join them.

The next MVRAACA event will be a dinner and Vintage Clothing Fashion Show at the Butterworth Center in Moline. The meal will be a catered dinner.

There were 140 members, 10 singles and 65 Family.



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MY FIRST ANTIQUE CAR - by John Hazen as told to Mark Lousberg



My first antique car was a 1930 Model A. It was owned by my brother and he was leaving it outside as an advertising prop for his pizza restaurant. I didn't think that was any way to treat an old car so I bought it.

It was running poorly so I rebuilt all the mechanicals, the engine transmission etc. I drove that car regularly for quite awhile and that's how I met Franklin Bell who got me into the club.

I still have that car and two more Model A's. They are like Lays Potato Chips, you can't have just one. The others are a '29 Sport Coupe that was origi-

nally owned by Herb Dowden. He sold it to my brother's neighbor, Bill Effingham. Bill's widow sold it to my brother Myron and Myron gave it to me.

The other Model A is a 1928 AA 1-1/2 Ton Truck.

March 2021 Show 'N' Tell



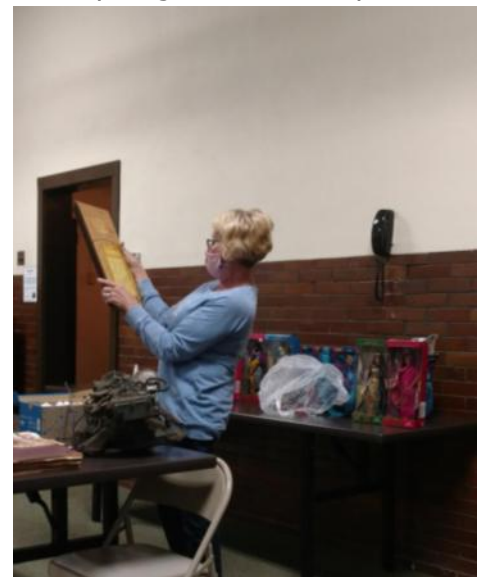
18 members shared their goodies and knowledge at Show 'N' Tell. We are a club with a great wealth of knowledge and whether or not you bring something to share, you will undoubtedly go home with knowledge you didn't have when you came. This year was no different.

John Brewer taught us about fog and spot lights and Jan shared some elaborately costumed dolls and a sand painting. Neil West shared a book that even though it had seen better days, was full of all kinds of info from the 1910's. Perrine West brought back nostalgia with older magazines. Stu Etheridge showed us how our radiators were manufactured. Clair Pearson educated us on an old fire extinguisher that looked very fragile. Dick Perry

brought us up to date on the birds and wildlife that carouse their yard by day and night (scary). Sandy showed us war ration books. Last was Keith Nyman who showed a tri-carb unit that was an accessory for his '59 Cadillac convertible.

I learned a lot and saw lots of neat stuff.

Mary B



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