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President's Message

What a beautiful day for the Gleason's Scavenger Hunt. The sun was shining and many of our members drove their Antique Auto's which always adds to the fun. It is also fun to be the last car in a caravan and see the impressive line of cars motor down the road. Since I have been retired, Annie my goldendoodle has decided that she is to go everywhere I do so she was the first in the car when I took off. Congratulations to those who got most of the answers correct. A big thanks to the Gary and Lavonne for putting this event on. They always seem to have something in their bag of tricks.

It sure has felt good to get out and about. My Memorial Day started in Indianapolis with seats at the start finish line of the 500. It was a super thrilling race with not many accidents, just hard driving. Always a good time. Somewhere along the way I didn't realize that Fred had said we were leaving for Williamsburg on the Monday right after our return. I scurried and packed a new suitcase and off we went. Our first stop was in Pontiac, MI where we got to preview what will be the Pontiac Michigan Transportation Museum. The City of Pontiac sold an abandoned school to the committee. The layout is perfect for its new purpose and I can't wait to see the finished product. Of course we were driving a truck and trailer with a Fiero attached. We delivered that to Staunton, VA on the way and picked up another P car to bring back to the Midwest.

In Williamsburg, there were seminars, a tour of President Elliott's garage with barbeque dinner, judging schools, the annual meeting, and of course the awards banquet. Since there were only three National Meets last year, not all the usual awards had cars that qualified so it was much shorter than usual. I talked Fred into one day of sightseeing so we spent Sunday at Jamestown, then began a leisurely trip home.



The car season has started full bore, let's enjoy every minute of it.

Stay Safe – Mary B

MVR AACA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes June 2nd 2021 Butterworth Center, Moline, IL.

Members present: John Brewer, Dick and Sandy Perry, Alan Ford, Sharon Hoaglund, Jim Conrad, Clair Pearson, Mark Lousberg, Gary Gleason. **Absent:** Jim Smith, Mary and Fred Bartemeyer (AACA Annual Mtg. in Williamsburg, VA)

Minutes of last meeting approved with the correction of new member's last name: Jim Hartz (not Hertz).

Treasurers Report – filed for audit

Reports: Sunshine – card to Dick Perry **Roster** - no report **Membership** - 125 **Webmaster** – needs more photos and would like to see more activity on our club website by members. **Historian** – reports are in each Autograf

Old Business - Gary reported that Wayne Sherer's 50 year pin will be presented to him when it arrives soon. Jim Sullivan received his 2 years ago – we may need a ceremony to celebrate! Gleason's Drive and Scavenger Hunt on May 22nd was well attended with 12 cars, 20 people, 3 dogs. They drove 55 miles in Scott County and answered 39 questions along the way. Picnic lunch in DeWitt Park with prize to winners: John & Jan Brewer who had all the questions correct. Thanks to the Gleasons for planning this wonderful event!

May Drive and Ice Cream event – There were 7 cars and 2 dogs who enjoyed a sunny day drive with a photo stop at Forest Grove School – recently restored. Thanks to the Brewers for the tour! Others joined in at Country Style!

Sponsors' car photos – Mark will try to assemble some cars in front our sponsors for photo ops to put in newsletter.

Club Signage – Fred Bartemeyer obtained costs for making the rollup vinyl signs as follows: \$245 each or \$235 each if more than one ordered. Includes sign material, printing and stand but not design of sign.

New Business

RE 2022 National Meet - Clair reported that he can get vinyl sign printing on realtor-sized cardboard backs of 18" x 24" for \$16/side. He has 9 signs & frames to hold the signs. John will determine what areas of The BEND meet area need signage (trailer parking, visitor parking, etc.) The printer is here during the summer, so timing is of the essence.

Monthly Activities Club Planned

June 5th Family Day - Clair Pearson reported that 31 people have signed up. John will have directional signs in park.

June 19th - Veterans Car Club Cruise-in at Northwest Bank lot 3-7. **Members meet at Firestone retail by North Park Mall at 2:45 p.m.**

June 27th - Cars and Ice Cream 3-5, maybe a drive ahead of time?

July 10- QC Cruisers Cruise-in at Mills Chevrolet 5-8. **Members meet at Davenport Walmart at 4:45 (Elmore north of 53rd Street)**

July 17th - Driving Tour/Trivia Contest-Lake Story, Galesburg with Picnic Lunch (*Perrys and Lamms*)

July 25th - Cars and Ice Cream 3-5, maybe a drive ahead of time?

August 14th - QC Cruisers Cruise-in at South Park Mall 3-6. **Members meet at South Park Office Max at 2:45 p.m.**

August 28th - Tour/Cookout/Garden Tour (*Jim Smith & Mrs. Moffit*)

August 29th - Cars and Ice Cream 3-5, maybe a drive ahead of time?

September 11th - Trains/Planes/Automobiles, Geneseo. Picnic after by *Scott and Jennifer Johnson*. **Members meet at Office Max – South Park Mall, time TBD.**

September 26th Cars and Ice Cream 3-5 maybe a drive ahead of time?

October (*Mark Lousberg*)

November 13th Year End Banquet (*Brewers*)

2022 Meet Meeting conducted by Mark Lousberg – The minutes for the 2022 National Meet planning meetings will be kept separate from the regular Board meeting minutes. These will appear on a separate page.

Meeting Adjourned 7:50 p.m. – Submitted by Sandy Perry

**MVR Board of Directors Planning Meeting Minutes for 2022 National Meet –
June 2, 2021
Butterworth Center, Moline, IL.**

Members present: Mark Lousberg, Alan Ford, John Brewer, Jim Conrad, Sharon Hoaglund, Clair Pearson, Sandy & and Dick Perry.

Absent: Mary and Fred Bartemeyer, Jim Smith

Mark reviewed the information available online from AACA entitled National Meet Guidelines. Some members have printed this out and will refer to it during our planning process from now until August 11-13, 2022.

Mark reviewed the Main Positions required by AACA for a National Meet and those who have volunteered to fill them as follows:

Meet Chair – Mark Lousberg

Field Marshall – John Brewer

Trailer Parking – Jim Conrad

Registration – Mary Bartemeyer

Finance – Gary Gleason

Chair Judge – Fred Bartemeyer

Publicity (social media, TV, Radio, Print Media, etc.) – **unfilled**

Meet Book Chair – **unfilled**

Hospitality Chair – (Friday night event) – Clair Pearson

Trophy Committee – Fred Bartemeyer

Merchandise – **unfilled**

Meals (Banquet selection) - **unfilled**

Photographer – **unfilled**

Flea Market – it was decided to dispense with this event.

Mark distributed a timeline to help us keep on track with deadlines required by AACA.

Now until July 2022 – Work with East Moline officials, QCVB for support, find sponsors

August 2021 – Develop a budget. Gary will setup another budget for all meet transactions. Some funds have been transferred into this account in order to establish it and pay for any immediate needs. Clair will obtain riverboat prices for next year. Someone needs to obtain banquet prices. The committee felt a more informal Saturday meal involving BBQ food items would be more affordable and more welcome.

November 2021 – Make sure we have additional insured paperwork

February 2022 – Invitation brochures (trifold) and registration cards to National AACA for approval.

Emergency phone number must be established.

April 2022 – Registration Chairman and Chief Judge establish the classes for entry.

July 15, 2022 – Registration Deadline

August 11 -13 – EVENT

August 30 – Article recapping the show submitted to AACA magazine

The theme we established was “Comin’ Round the Bend”

Additional discussion involved:

Club attire during the meet: T-shirts, vests, need for walkie talkies, phone numbers for each committee member, a gator for transporting people and separate meeting dates/location for better lighting, seating, tables, etc.

We have reserved meeting space in the **Butterworth Education Center on the 3rd Wed. of the month at 6:30 p.m. For June only, the location is the Deere Wiman Carriage House on the 4th Wed., June 23rd.** We need to ask other club members to join the Meet Planning Committee and attend these meetings. Submitted by Sandy Perry

INFORMATION ON NEARBY OR MIDWEST CAR EVENTS DURING 2021

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 Sponsored by 2CarSisterz, 1709 E 3rd St., Coal Valley, IL Info: Steph 309-314-5542/Jenn309-428-1641
 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 1-3 – AACA Midwest Spring Meet – Auburn, IN.
 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 – MVR Tour to Lake Story, Galesburg, IL for picnic lunch & historic sites- Hosts Perrys/Lamms
 July 17 – Veterans Car Club of QC – Car Show, NW Bank Lot, Dav. IA (Pre-Reg \$15)
 July 22-24 AACA Grand National Meet– New Ulm, MN
 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 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 Johnson’s picnic after
 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
 Oct 8-9 – Iron Invasion – Miss. Valley Fairgrds., Dav. Iowa – more info to follow
 Nov 13 – MVR Fall Banquet – hosted by John and Jan Brewer



MVRAACA May Activity.

At 10:00am on May 22, 12 cars, 20 people and 3 dogs departed from the parking lot across from Thunder Bay Grill for a 55 mile scavenger hunt thru Scott and Clinton counties. There were 39 questions to be answered before arriving at Lincoln Park in DeWitt for a bring your own lunch. After lunch the answer sheets were checked. The winners with all the answers correct were John & Jan Brewer. They received gift cards from Whitey's for their efforts.



Cars and Ice Cream!



Just over a year ago the Mississippi Valley Region took the lead in the car community by hosting the first Cars & Ice Cream event with Country Style Ice Cream on May 31st, 2020.

The first event saw 33 cars of which 14 were from our club. For those of you at the event on Sunday June 30, 2021 you know that our cars are by far outnumbered. Our club has started something that is enjoyed by the entire Quad City car community and we have even gained new members from the event.

The next Cars & Ice Cream will be on Sunday June 27th at 3:30, Country Style Ice Cream, 5264 Utica Ridge Rd. Davenport, IA. Hope to see you there.

Memorial Day Weekend Cars & Ice Cream





Annual Family Day Breakfast

It was a beautiful, sunny day at West Lake Park in Davenport. 33 members and guests gathered for a hearty breakfast of sausage and pancakes. Coffee, juice, milk, water and lemonade were also provided. We were actually able to look each other in the face without the hindrance of facemasks. It made for wonderful conversations.

After the breakfast we were given a presentation by one of the park rangers. Tom, who happens to be a neighbor of mine, gave a very thorough explanation of the extensive rehabilitation work being done on the lakes. That explained why they have been drained for two years. In case you have been wondering they plan to begin refilling them the end of June. They should be fully open for boating, fishing and swimming next year.

Next up was a presentation on the Regional Meet we are hosting next August. Planning is already underway for this major event. Please follow the updates in the newsletter and PLEASE help out on this.

The morning concluded with a leisurely drive through the countryside. All in all it was a great event. Perfect weather and good friends.



20 Years Ago in the Mississippi Valley Region.

By Gary Gleason

MVR AACA June 2001

The monthly gathering at Ryan's Steakhouse had 32 people attend including some of the Snowbirds who had returned from their winter escape. After the meal the group was invited to Bob & Carole Connole's home to view flowers, several collections and Bob's latest car project.

The Father's Day pancake breakfast was moved to the Rock Island Arsenal.

The club has been requested to have cars at the "Blossoms at Butterworth" event on June 24.

Preparations continue for the AACA Grand National August 16-18.

Country Drive/Cars & Ice Cream

Before our last Sunday of each month Cars & Ice Cream event for May 30th, we met at Centennial Park in Davenport and picked up others at Waterfront Convention Center in Bettendorf. We proceeded along the Mississippi up river and had a short drive thru eastern Scott County. Car Quest is one of our sponsors and we had a drawing of our drivers and we had 3 winners of car care items. It was good taking a drive before a static display so our cars can arrive and be together for our club visibility. Along with club banners and handouts, it may be a good opportunity to recruit new members. Remember to bring along our club's tri-folds to hand out or place on your hood.

John



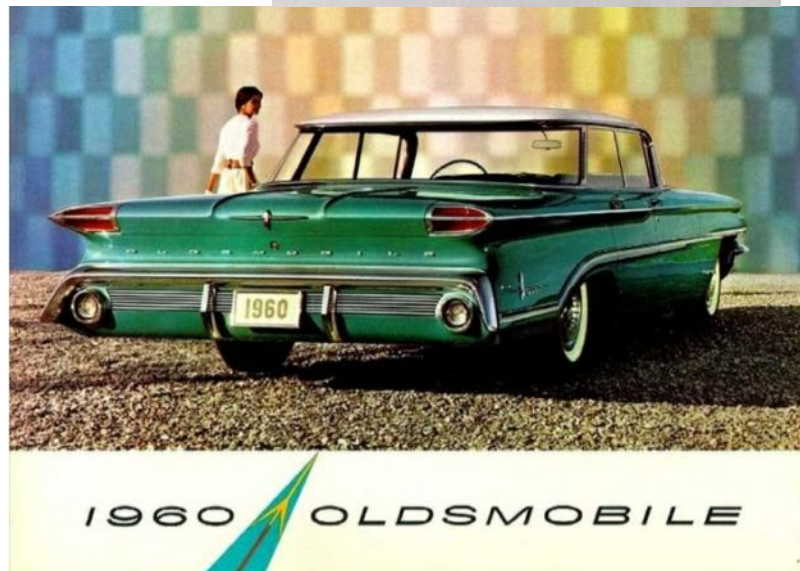


This month's Car Quest prize winners were Allan Ford, Steve Sabbe and John Brewer.

Thanks to The East Moline Car Quest Team of Doyle, Saul, Mark, Matt and Frank. All are car enthusiasts and truly "Friends of the Hobbyist". Please give them your auto related business!



Our sponsor Car Quest has a team member that collects anything vintage and car related. Recently he acquired this badge and wants to know if any of our club members can help. If you know anything about this organization please contact me and I will either put you in contact with the gentleman or forward the information. Thanks, Mark.



TEC TIPS FROM STEVE. MVR Member Steve LeMaster has generously offered to write a Tec Tips article for the Autograf which fulfills a goal of mine for this publication. Thank you STEVE! If you have questions you would like to send in please address them to me and I will make sure Steve receives them.

— Mark

Change out the input shaft?

This tip details how to install a T5 transmission while retaining original flywheel, clutch assembly and starter.



I recently obtained a T5 (transmission number 1352-145) with a 14 spline input shaft. The 1352-145 T5 gear ratios are 1st 3.76 2nd 2.18 3rd 1.42 4th 1.00 5th .072. They are out of an 1985 / 1986 L4 or V6 Chevy S10 PU. Transmissions of this vintage used mechanical speedometer. Later models may use an electronic sensor.

Don't get confused on the transmission's I.D. There are numbers all over the casings that are just part numbers. Look for the white and green sticker on the main case or the metal I.D. tag bolted to the tail shaft housing. The metal tag is about three inches long and about a half inch wide. The identification tag is a white and green sticker with numbers on top of the main case.

I found that the easiest way to solve the problem is change the input shaft (14 spline to a 10 spline).

You have to remove the old 14 spline input shaft to make sure you get the right 10 spline replacement shaft (the gear ratio on the inside will differ). Obtain a 10 spline input shaft (I used a Jeep input shaft factory part No.1351085008). This spline has a 21 tooth gear and the spline is one inch in diameter, just like the early originals. I had a machinist mill off a half inch of the pilot shaft and then put a slight chamfer on the edge to aid the insertion into the pilot bearing like the original. You will have to press on a new bearing (part number K-5) if you purchase a new one. I recommend a new one -- it saves a ton of time. The housing seal part number is 100254.

Drill out the metric transmission mounting holes to fit the 1/2 inch standard ones on the bell housing.

Now you can use the original clutch, throw out bearing, pressure plate, starter and flywheel. The key is to use a SM420 bell housing (from a truck with the foot pedal starter if so equipped).

I did this on my 1951 Chevrolet coupe and it works awesome. I was lucky that my brother had purchased a 1955 Chevrolet First Series 1/2-ton truck. He pulled the six out and installed a V8. I had sense enough to keep all the parts except the foot pedal. I used everything and installed it on my 1955 261 engine that was pulled out of a school bus.

The coupe turns 2000 rpm's at 66 mph with a 3:42 rear end and a 0.72 OD fifth gear.

This method will let you use the original flywheel, and clutch setup on most any early year truck or car. It takes the guess work out of it. Of course, your driveshaft and crossmember will also need to be modified depending on your year and model.

My friend owns a transmission shop and he was amazed how everything turned out. He charged me \$75 for the input shaft and another friend used a ceramic cutter to mill off the end (the shafts are hardened). I owe my machinist buddy a beer now (It pays to network and make friends)! Something tells me though, it might be a rough night in the garage.

My friends at [Moline Transmission Service](http://MolineTransmissionService.com) (309-762-0221 - Moline, IL.61265) performed the rebuild and obtained my parts. Ask for Tony if you have any questions on the subject; he is a wealth of knowledge and very willing to help.

I recommend you have a local machine shop to mill off the input shaft with a ceramic cutter.

Steve

CLUB MEMBERS CARS FOR SALE

2006 Cadillac DTS, 67,800 miles NorthStar V-8 4.6L, VIN 1G6KD57Y46U176253 . Always garaged and NEVER driven in Winter. Asking \$9900.00 Contact Steve Blick at 309-582-2012 or

Sblick@blickoil.com



Visit our Sponsor **Triangle Inn, 1650 1st Ave.
Silvis, Illinois**

1938 Plymouth Roadmaster Sedan For Sale. Runs and Drives with a good interior although it is not the correct mohair. All gauges work. Bought it as a small project to make into a driver then found a very nice Deluxe. Some projects still to be done. Call Mark for more information. 309-373-2169



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