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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Well talk about derelict in my duties, I forgot to send my column last month before I left for Loveland, CO and the AACA Fall Meet. Thanks to Mr. Lousberg for going on without it. He publishes on the 15th and has stayed true to that date. Loveland was a great meet. Smaller but still a great group of cars. It never ceases to amaze me that a beautiful Chevelle from Thomson, IL was there to get its Senior. Didn't miss the humidity.

What a great tour Jim Smith and Jean Moffitt treated us to. The railroad depot and all the stories were great and the GARDENS at Jean's home, my word, there are no words to describe them. What a labor of love. I can't grow grass let alone all those beautiful plants. Thanks also to Ed and Mindy Leahy, especially Ed who stood over that hot fire to cook all those brats. I'm told that Jean did all the rest of the cooking. Again a great day and free to the club and it's members.

Cars and Ice Cream conclude our summer series this month. There have been lots of cars attending but not many from the hosting club. Let's try to go out with a bang. Last Sunday of the month, September 26th, from 3 to 5.

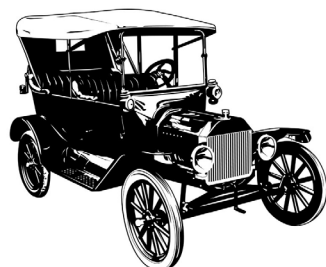
My nose is red from having a great time at the Geneseo Planes, Trains, and Automobiles. Not only were there 346 cars but also a great ceremony recognizing all the veterans with a fly over no less. Congratulations to the Etheridges and Brewers, our award winners. To top off the day Scott and Jennifer Johnson hosted an after party. Scott got up at 4:30 a.m. to put the pork on his smoker. That is dedication. This summer has been a busy one but with lots of fun.

Perhaps you saw a quick segment on WQAD TV 6 p.m. news showing Neil West behind the wheel of his R&V Knight and our Meet Director Mark Lousberg priming the pump for our 2022 meet. Mark has great ideas for 2022 so when asked, please say you'll help.

Hershey, PA is my next National outing for the Annual Fall Meet. It will be a busy week and the ribbon cutting for the Headquarter and Library. I have been inside but not since it's been completed. Looking forward to it.

Hope to see you soon.

Mary B



Elections this Fall. We need YOU to serve on the Board.

To the Member's of the MVR, some GOOD NEWS out of ILLINOIS!

Alan Ford wrote me with the following for the newsletter:

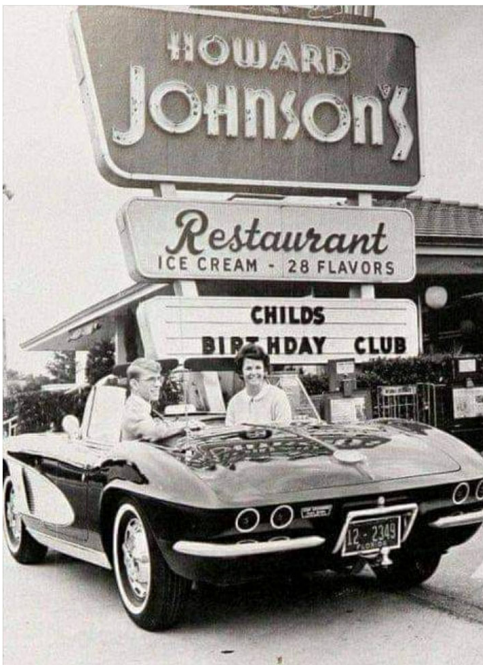
Just in case you missed it (and I had missed it), Friday the 20th, Illinois Gov. Pritzker signed into law HB 2548, that starting immediately, all old cars with EA plates have 2 more months to pleasure drive each year now, March 1st to November 30th, instead to April 1st to October 31st. Alan.

Alan, Glad you were on top of it!

Two SCCA autocross events are scheduled to happen locally. The first one Saturday, September 18th at the Tax Slayer Center, Moline is an Autocross/Solo put on by the SCCA Great River Region

The second event, also run by SCCA Great River Region is Sunday, October 10th at the Iowa National Guard area at the Dav-
enport Airport.

Alan



Members of the club, we are in need of a secretary

Sandy Perry has been a solid volunteer for this club for many years. Currently she is the secretary for our board meetings and the 2022 Central Fall Meet meetings.

A conflict has arisen and she must step back so it is time for someone else to step forward.

We appreciate all Sandy's efforts for these many years!

**Who can help us? Please contact Mary,
John Brewer**

THANK YOU!

WHAT AN OUTING the AUGUST EVENT WAS!

Jim Smith & Jean Moffit really know how to plan an event. Meeting at the hangar was a large group of members who enjoyed conversation while looking over Jim's aircraft.



At the published "Take-Off Time", Jim led us down country roads on a pleasant drive to Grand Mound, Iowa for a visit at The Railroad Museum.

The exhibit features the lifelong collection of Don Kent and was a great trip to past days of railroad dominance as a means of transportation.



After that visit it was a short mile trip to Jean Moffit's house where MVR members were able to walk the highly manicured gardens which are obviously a passion of Jean's.

Following the gardens we were treated to a hearty lunch of brats, hotdogs, beans, potato salad, fresh fruit and dessert. If anyone left hungry it was their own fault.

THANK YOU Jean, Jim and to your daughter and son-in-law. You put on a wonderful event. And HAPPY BIRTHDAY JIM!



MVR AACA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes September 1, 2021 Butterworth Center, Moline, IL.

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

Minutes of August Meeting Approved **Treasurers Report** – filed for audit

Reports: Sunshine – no report **Roster** - Jan Patting updating all info per Gary's latest membership listing. Board will review full document after revisions made prior to printing. Distribution at November banquet

Membership – 130

Webmaster –Dwayne Cedarblom working on page to include information about our 2022 meet plus history of MVR.

Historian – Historic information on Region history will be going onto Web page in near future.

Old Business -

August - Cars and Ice Cream event not well attended but some different cars/people present this month.

Gary will send \$50 to the Galesburg Orpheum theatre in thanks for the excellent July tour. The Board also voted to send a \$50 donation to the Grand Mound Railroad Depot volunteers in thanks for the excellent Depot tour August 28th that was arranged and coordinated by member Jim Smith. We had 35-40 people in attendance despite the heat.

A thank you will be sent to Jim Smith and Jean Moffitt for the excellent driving tour, Depot tour, Jean's garden tour and the wonderful lunch provided in a cool and beautiful building. Many positive comments and thanks to them both!!

New Business

Next Meet Meeting will be September 15th at the Butterworth Education Center on 12th Avenue

A new club Secretary is needed by January 1st as Sandy Perry has asked to step down from this position. This will involve attending the MVR Board Meeting held on the 1st Wednesday monthly except December at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Center, Moline. Sandy will continue as secretary for the National Meet Board which meets 3rd Wed of month until Meet is held in August of 2022.

Additional positions are up for renewal or replacement by January 2022 that include Vice President, Past President and three Board members: Clair Pearson, Alan Ford and Jim Conrad. This will be publicized in next newsletter.

Suggestion was made to have new slate of officers ready for member voting during the banquet.

Monthly Activities Club Planned

September 11th - Trains/Planes/Automobiles, Geneseo. Picnic after by Scott and Jennifer Johnson. **Members meet at Office Max – South Park Mall so we can drive in and park together, 8:00 a.m. Leave at 8:15 a.m.**

September 11th – VINTAGE FOOTBALL GAME – Douglas Park, Rock Island, IL. Drive your old car and arrive 1-1:30 p.m.

Kickoff is at 2:30 p.m. Food vendor on the field.

September 18th – Des Moines Concourse, Des Moines, Iowa

September 26th - Cars and Ice Cream, Country Style in Bettendorf, IA. 3-5 p.m. maybe a drive ahead of time?

October 3rd (SUNDAY) – Meet at Sunset Park, Rock Island at **10:00 a.m.** for Drive and picnic at Loud Thunder Forest

Preserve. Bring chairs, picnic lunch, table service, yard games, etc. Host Mark Lousberg

September 26th– Vintage Rods Car Show at Black Hawk College \$20 entry fee. Regis. 9 – noon, Show 9 – 2 p.m. Prizes

November 13th - Year End Banquet at River Front Grill – Rock Island. 50 year pins will be presented to 2 members.

Hosts are John and Jan Brewer

Meeting Adjourned 8:00 p.m. – Submitted by Sandy Perry

INFORMATION ON NEARBY OR MIDWEST CAR EVENTS DURING 2021

Sept. 18 – 2 Supersisterz Show – Northgate Shopping Ctr. – Dav., (Pre-Reg & \$15 by 9/1)

Sept. 24—QC Cruisers at Mills Chevrolet from 5 to 8:30 PM

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. 3—MVR Outing. Meet at Sunset Marina for a cruise to Loud Thunder Forest Reserve. Picnic at Lone Tree Pavillion

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

Coming Around the Bend. The 2022 Central Fall Meet

On a beautiful September 10th The MVR with the assistance of Larry Anderson got to put a 1922 R&V Knight of the original Root & VanderRoot Factory Test Track .

Larry Anderson owns the grounds that hold the test track which also includes The Bend XPO where we are holding our show. Larry recently purchased Neal West's R&V Knight so we asked if he would support our concept for the Nationals promo shot. He generously agreed and even had the track cleaned of weeds. So nearly 100 years after it departed the factory the 1922 R&V Knight was back on the track!



936 16th Avenue,
East Moline, IL.





**The MVR September event was Planes Trains and Automobiles in Geneseo followed by the Johnson's Annual gathering and meal. And what a meal it was!
Thanks Scott and Jennifer!**



It seems Wayne Scherer has been keeping a secret that he finally decided to share with the rest of us.

Beautiful Mercury Wayne!



Your restoration stories...

1928 Auburn Motor

Our 28 Elcar was losing power and always using oil. A compression check found one cylinder with no pressure and two others with 50# and rest around 100#. Pulling and disassembly found some previous poor weld repair work and some cracks in top deck and two starting down the cylinder wall along with valve seats ground very deep. This car was once in Bill Harrah's collection in Reno and his guys were not known for top notch work, they just made the cars run.

I started a search for another block with many club brands that used this motor that would be in better shape and finally found a guy out east that had a block and parts from a 28 Auburn that was the same Lycoming side valve GS motor used in many assembled cars. He said it was at standard bore and it had quite a bit of surface corrosion from sitting around. Once home with it I discovered it had no cylinder ridge wear but two cylinders had freeze cracks towards the bottom of the cylinder water jackets. Evidently the Auburn owner did not prevent the car from freezing effects and the motor was replaced early. Don't know how many hands this original motor passed thru but very little care was taken in the cylinder walls. Valve guides were perfect along with cam and cam bearings along with timing gears and chain.



Block is going to have all 8 cylinders sleeved and bored at standard $2 \frac{7}{8}$ bore. Sleeves need to have two notches milled in the bottoms to clear the swing of the long stroke ($4 \frac{3}{4}$) rods. New forged alum pistons are being made at 8-10 weeks delivery. Elcar's crank mains and throws will be ground and main shells will be babitted and sized along with rods. New valves are ordered and I will grind the blocks cast seats. I ported the valve areas but not polished to ensure fuel-air mixture. Cam will have a performance grind on the Elcar cam by Isky Cams in California.

Assembly is unusual because piston assembly must be installed from the bottom and then the crank installed. Usually with timing gears the dots on each point toward each other but these are timed with 15 chain links between dots.

Hopefully next spring the Elcar will be running down the road with full power and no smoke, but yes Wayne it will still have peeling paint..... John

Cars and Ice Cream!

August Cars & Ice Cream was HOT! That appeared to slow down traffic in the beginning but not for long!

The last Cars & Ice Cream for 2021 will be on Sunday September 26th at 3:30! Country Style Ice Cream, 5264 Utica Ridge Rd. Davenport, IA. Hope to see you there.





20 Years Ago in the Mississippi Valley Region

By Gary Gleason

On Sunday September 9, 31 brave souls departed from South Park Mall in a slight drizzle on the MVR Fall Tour. The slight drizzle turned into a major rain. The first stop was Tampico, IL for breakfast. After a talk by a local couple about Ronald Reagan's early life, the group headed north to Dixon, IL and on to Grand Detour and the site of where John Deere started his plow company. From Grand Detour it was on to the lodge at White Pines State Park for lunch. After lunch everyone headed home where the weather was clear and sunny. The tour was planned by Cal and Lois Frels.

Members on the tour included: Jim and Ann Scott, Dick and Sandy Perry, Bob and Dawn Bartel, Mel and Betty Knollman, Dick and Dorothy Shutt, Cal and Lois Frels, Chuck and Sharon Hoaglund, Ron and Shirley Phillips, Wayne Scherer, Jim Sullivan, Buck and Coralie Wendt, Mike and Sue Radford, Bernice Amundsen, Cy and Marilyn Galley, Alan and Katie Lee, and Herb and Jean Doden.

On September 1 the MVR participated in a car display at Krieger Motors in Orion, IL. Our club had 30 vehicles there plus about 30 other cars from other local groups. Members bringing cars were: Dick and Dorothy Shutt, Steve and Vickie Shutt, Herb and Jean Doden, Alan and Katie Lee, George and Irene Kerr, Richard and Janet Kluger, Don and Mary Mitchell, Chris Mitchell, Ron and Shirley Phillips, Harlan and Kulla Wiss, Mike Fiedler, Wayne Scherer, J.P. and Joyce Johnston, Dick and Sandy Perry, Bud and Joyce Kuehl, Jim Sullivan, Dean and Gayle Weber, Mel and Betty Knollman, Cal and Lois Frels, Mike Radford, Buck and Coralie Wendt, and Cy and Marilyn Galley. Dick Shutt set up this display and the MVR received \$500 for participating.

The last of the monthly dinners at Ryan's Steakhouse was held on September 25. Over 40 members attended.

For Sale 1936 Lincoln Model K Body by Lebaron, 4-door convertible sedan V12. Previous owner George Strausse. AACA award winner Asking \$55,000.



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