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It's clear that car season is back. We have our regular Board of Directors Meeting on the first Wednesday of the month and now have added a Central Fall Nationals meeting to the mix on the third Wednesday. In between we have been to the I-80 Truck Museum and hosted our first Cars 'N' Ice Cream. I am a trucker at heart as my son will tell you. My Dad's 36 GMC Wrecker was nicknamed "Teddy" cause it's such a part of me. After looking at all those beautiful examples, Teddy would have a tall order to compete with.

The poor ladies at Country Style Ice Cream were dipping ice cream as fast as they could. We had a total of 62 cars which is really good for the first event of the year. The only problem is that there weren't many of the Mississippi Valley Region members. We are the host for this event and it is open to all vehicles. The music has been turned down this year and a new restaurant has been added next door. It could make for a nice afternoon out.

Yesterday 10 members braved the heat to entice the members of the United Township High School Automotive Class to think about a career or at least the ownership of an older vehicle. Some students were clearly there more for the free hot dogs, but if we snag just a couple that will help down the road. Thanks go to Stu and Kathleen Etheridge and their cut away engine, Alan Ford whose grandson is entering the program next year, Jim Conrad, John Brewer, Ken Baker and his 64 Chevy with glass packs, Steve Lemaster, Clair Pearson, and Neal West for all their efforts. Big thanks go to John Brewer for setting up the event.

Hopefully it will cool off for the trip to Iowa City arranged by the Gleason's.

Hope to see you soon,

Mary B



MVR AACA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes May 4, 2022 Butterworth Center, Moline, IL.

Members present: John Brewer, Sandy Perry, Jim Conrad, Clair Pearson, Gary Gleason, Sharon Hoaglund, Mark Lousberg, Mary Bartemeyer, Alan Ford, Eric Smith

Absent: Fred Bartemeyer Jr.,

Minutes of April Meeting Approved

Treasurers Report – filed for audit. **Reports:** Sunshine no report

Roster - Board previously voted to print a paper copy but will offer e-mail printouts in 2023 with limited paper copies for those who request it. Mary has reformatted to work in e-mail printing.

Membership – 121 members

Webmaster – Adding 2nd page to site to include more information about National Meet

Historian – Received minutes taken while Sandy Perry was secretary

Old Business -

The April Tour to I-80 Truck Museum had 20 people. Board voted to donate \$50 to the Museum. The April Cars and Ice Cream event drew 62 people, of whom 5 were MVR members. Lots of younger people there.

New Business---Monthly Activities Club Planned

May 21 – Drive to Iowa City for a tour of Old Capitol – 9 registered so far. Gleasons are hosts

May 11 – (Wednesday) United Township High School in East Moline is requesting various types of vehicles that can be part of 3 class instruction times at the Vocational Shop building during the day. Members are asked to help explain things about their car to the students and allow them to see the vehicle – no rides given to students. John Brewer needs volunteers willing to bring a car – please contact him ASAP.

May 29 – Cars and Ice Cream – Country Style shop – Bettendorf, Iowa

June 11 – FAMILY DAY – West Lake Park, Davenport, IA. Pancakes, sausage, coffee, juice, car games, a country drive, etc.

July 17 – Drive to Coralville, IA to tour Antique Car Museum – Mary Bartemeyer, host

July 31 – Cars and Ice Cream will be a joint event with Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Details to follow

August 11-13 – AACA Central Division Fall Meet – XPO Center, East Moline, IL.

September 10 – Geneseo Car Show & picnic at Scott & Jennifer Johnson's residence

Oct. – To be determined

November – Banquet

BUSINESS RELATED TO CENTRAL DIVISION FALL MEET

Mary--Meet Registrations so far: 15, Trailer Parking: 7, QC Tour: 4, Ice Cream Social: 11, Boat cruise: 18, BBQ: 23

Clair—needs all ad copy and meet book content by June 15th. Two more ads received for Hughes Tire and QC Spring.

More ads needed – ask companies if they wish to come to the Sat. BBQ, plus VIP parking. Clair had aerial images of the site for directional help to be included in meet book. The low bid for printing was accepted – 250 copies suggested.

Mark has ordered 3 electric golf carts. The Country Style owner will serve ice cream at Thursday social.

Alan Ford suggested alternate parking places for areas around the car corral and swap meet place. Ad in Hemmings RE this event.

Discussion on signage and insurance coverage. We need more help with parking trailers and cars during meet.

Possible **HOT SPOT** to have Registration Workshop for the meet at Butterworth Mansion – Date and time TBD.

Meeting Adjourned 8:15 p.m. – Submitted by Sandy Perry, interim Secretary



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Summers End

Last week Joan Lindle and Betty Knollman passed away. Both were wives of longtime MVR Members.

CENTRAL FALL NATIONALS MEET COMMITTEE MEETING APRIL 20, 2022

Present: Mark Lousberg, Mary Bartemeyer, Fred Bartemeyer Jr., John Brewer, Dick and Sandy Perry, Jim Conrad, Clair Pearson, Alan Ford

Absent: Eric Smith, Gary Gleason

Mary reported on the registrations received thus far: 5 paid, 6 ice cream, 4 QC tour, 2 trailer pkg. 5 for the cruise.

Reports on sponsorships: Mary has back cover of the program sold to Mill's Chevrolet for \$1,000. Review on what sponsors receive for their ads. VIP parking included.

Program Book Layout – Mark reviewed the program book layout and asked for feedback on anything missing. All copy is due June 15th. Clair has 2 quotes for printing 250 copies from QC Press and from Summit Graphics. Mary will generate the show car list from the registration data. Mark offered to print copies of the list at Sandstrom.

QC Tour Route – Clair presented the QC Tour routes, times, etc. The tour will leave at 12:30 p.m. and return by 5 p.m. for dessert. The tour was approved by the committee.

Alan Ford reviewed the rules for having a car corral spot and a swap meet spot. The committee voted to offer a ½ year free AACA/MVR membership to any nonmember wanting to utilize a spot.

Golf carts – three are needed: 1 for Alan Ford, 2 for trailer parking.

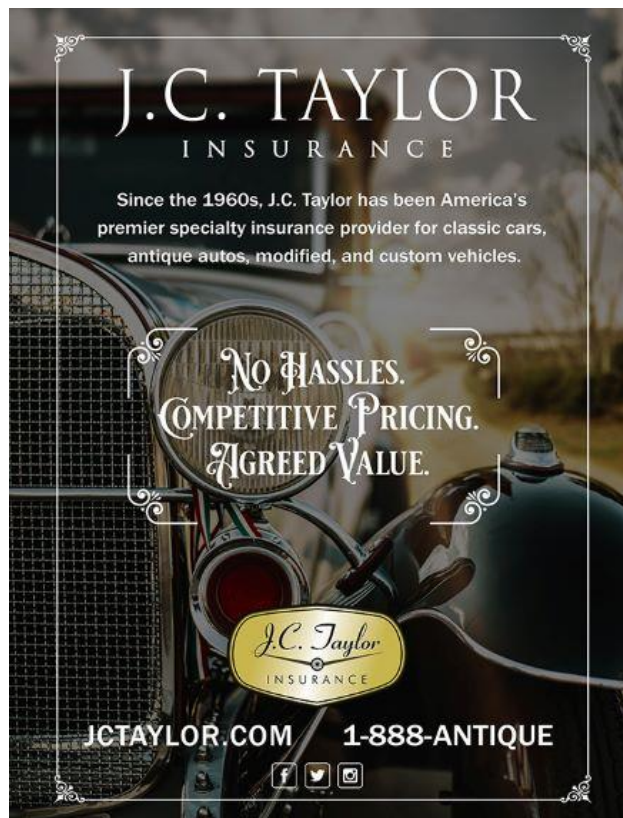
Mark will check on details RE the ice cream social: who is serving? What about all supplies?

Display cars need to be registered for the meet as an AACA member's car. Discussion ensued on the use of the 2 glass showrooms at the XPO Center.

Grand National Meet was approved by the MVR Board and is scheduled to be held **August 10-12, 2023**. Three sites were reviewed with the decision to hold this at the Waterfront Convention Center in Bettendorf. The other sites had limited hotel space, high cost of indoor display space, or congested parking and/or unsafe display area.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by Sandy Perry



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2022 Family Day June 11, Saturday

West Lake Park 14910 110th Ave. Enter gate #1 to Lake View Shelter

<https://www.scottcountyiowa.gov/conservation/west-lake>

Breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 10:30 FREE event to club members (Cost for non-members: \$5.00). *Everyone please check in with Gary Gleason upon arrival.*

Lake View Shelter capacity is 200. Electricity, Parking, Picnicking, Playground, Restrooms, Fresh Water & Water View.

Invite your families and PLEASE call us before June 4th with how many so we can have enough food planned. Please call, leave message or text: John Brewer 563-370-6902 or email John at: jwbrew15@aol.com.

Club meeting at 10:45 with updates on the 2022 AACA meet we are hosting at the BEND in East Moline.

Country drive is planned starting around 11:00 and will last about an hour. If you don't have an antique car that day, ask to ride along with someone.

We may also have some car games in the large parking lot so give us your ideas.

There are hiking trails available at West Lake.

We have the shelter all day, so let us know if you can't make it earlier and perhaps we can grill out later in the day as well.

This event is put on by your board members but we appreciate any of your help!



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Walcott Truck Museum Tour

Saturday April 23, 2022

Gathering at U-Haul on a very windy day, we made our way to the museum on Highway 6. We blew into the place and were greeted by the staff. We had 20 members in attendance, and everyone was on their own to tour the expanded museum with some recently acquired trucks from the last Mecum Auction at The Bend. One of their recent acquisitions was a 1920 MacDonalld 7 ½ ton lowbed stake truck. This highly mechanical truck is front wheel drive, has power steering and features hydraulic brakes a year before Duesenberg! Their newly expanded museum space allows more trucks to be on display like the Velie and the Independent that were both locally made.

We headed to eat in the banquet room at I-80 and ordered off the menu or hit the buffet. Mary gave some updates on club events, including signup times for members who wish to enter vehicles in the Central Fall Nationals meet. They were very fast with our food and as we finished up, Billy Moon (grandson of I-80 TruckStop founder Bill Moon) gave a talk about the origins and continued expansion of I-80 Truck Stop. We departed and he led us to their restoration shop facility. They had several trucks in process, including a later stage Wells Fargo Truck and an early stage Dodge Airflow fuel delivery truck.

Finishing up the tour, we departed and 6 vehicles went for a country drive through northern Scott County. After fighting the wind, we arrived at Country Style on Utica Ridge Road for ice cream. Thanks again to Eric for making arrangements.

John



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Registration Party!

June 22nd from 7 -9 PM. At the Butterworth Center, 1105 8th Street, Moline the MVR will be holding a registration event for the 2022 Central Fall Nationals.

Bring your membership card, vehicle information and a check or cash, (No Credit Cards).
Treats provided!

Get Registered!





April 24th saw the first **Cars & Ice Cream** of 2022 and it kicked off our 3rd Year of this event. And we kicked it off right, what a crowd! Over **62 cars** came through. Thanks to **Cristina** for all her support!



United Township High School / MVR AACA

Members of our club met at their Area Career Center on a hot Wednesday to meet with the Auto Instructor Jamie King and his 3 classes. Each member talked about their car and history with students and answered questions. We did get some heat relief inside in front of a large area fan and Jamie cooked hot dogs. It was a long day and it appeared the students were all engaged with our members. The winning members of the most students in a car were the Etheridge's 25 W-K!!!! Thanks to all members who could participate. John

Steve LeMaster -57 Chevy, Jim Conrad -75 Nova, Clair Pearson -48 Seagrave, Alan Ford -53 Buick, John Brewer -32 Auburn, Stu Etheridge -25 W-K and sleeve valve demonstrators, Neil West -17 Velie, Ken Baker -64 Impala




Dodge puts a stop to Stutz

Problem: Someone with a 27 Stutz needed to add hydraulic brakes to their front axle. For a year and a half Stutz featured "hydrostatic brakes". The master cylinder comprised a large cylinder area with a compressible bladder. Out on the wheels were 6 segmented brakes with a flexible bladder similar to a bicycle inner tube. When pedal was depressed the water/alcohol mix was displaced by the master and flowed thru lines to the wheel bladders. As they expanded the shoes would equally apply braking pressure. Well, it is a great system if it not for the issue with the bladder material not lasting. Most owners adapt some sort of hydraulic system to the rear and try to get by. They can add later model Stutz hydraulic brakes all around but parts are not available on these ultra-rare vehicles.

Some previous mechanic had added hydraulic brakes to the rear and it appeared to function well operated by an added master cylinder under the floorboards. In consulting with Stutz experts some had Chrysler backing plates that would require cutting out the middle and cutting out the outer from the Stutz backing plate and trying to align and weld back together. I have a lot of 45-68 Dodge Power Wagon 1 ton parts and after some measuring it looked like the best solution. After machining an adapter plate to locate the ID of the Dodge plate to the ID of the Stutz spindle and spacing $\frac{1}{4}$ " outward the assembly was drilled for the Stutz spindle pattern. This setup allowed for use of the original Stutz hub and brake drum. All new replacement parts were acquired from Vintage Power Wagons in Fairfield Iowa.

This solution as added to the AACA/Stutz Forum page. John



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Car Joke of the Month

It was early 1946 and a young salesman from New York drove his brand new 46 Town & Country convertible to Louisville on a business trip. While stopped in a small town to fuel up he noticed two old men looking at his car. Unasked, he started telling them all about it then proudly asked if they liked it? One of the old timers replied, "Sure I guess, but we're kind of wondering what it's going to look like when it is un-crated."

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