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## Presidents Message January 2023

We have a new year upon us with lots of touring, showing, a bus trip or 2, and informational seminars. It's going to be jam packed so hold on to your hats. Right now we are preparing for our booth at the Rod 'N' Custom Auto Show sponsored by 97X radio. It is our way to show all gear heads that without our precious babies there would be no future in the automotive world as we know it today. I hope you had the time to come out and see our display or better yet, helped. We normally pick up a couple new members at this event so it is beneficial to enter this media.

We are welcoming Michael Flaherty to our Board of Directors. We put out the call and he willingly after attending our January Board Meeting agreed to serve a two year term to help govern and bring a new point of view which is always a plus. DON'T GET COMFORTABLE however, we are still short 2 one year positions that need to be filled. You enjoy the club, help govern it.

December and January were also sad months for the club. We lost Alvin Elmore and Neil West. Each time we lose a member we lose a wealth of knowledge, Alvin with the Franklin and Studebaker, and Neil with R & V and Velie among so many other things. Both we active and treasured members who will be missed.

Hope to see you soon,

Mary B



## Welcome New members

- David and Donna Evans owners of a 1948 Hudson Commodore 8.
- Michael and Joanne White owners of a 1949 Kaiser.

Summer's End. A tribute to MVR Members that have recently passed.

Neil West  
Alvin Elmore

## NEW MVR CONCEPT

*We are starting what we are calling the MVR Garage Tec.*

The idea is for club members to host the membership to their garage to see what they are working on, share ideas and knowledge in repair and maintaining our cars to keep them on the road.

Many of these hosts also have information on local suppliers and specialty shops for repair of components ranging from starter repair to full motor rebuild.

As the hosts develop their day and time, everyone will receive the info thru our E-mail Blast. We are looking at scheduling at least one a month. Our time estimate is approximately 2 hours or what is needed to suit the discussion.

Your hosts are: **Eric Smith, Mark Lousberg, Jim Smith, Stu Etheridge, Steve LeMaster & John Brewer** (If you would like to be a MVR Garage Tec host please let us know to add you)

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## **AACA Board Meeting January 4, 2023**

### **Present:**

M. Bartemeyer, President F. Bartemeyer, Board Member  
J. Brewer, Vice-President E. Smith, Board Member  
G. Gleason, Treasurer M. Lousberg, Board Member  
J. Brewer, Secretary M. Flaherty, Board Member  
Vacancy  
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The meeting was called to order by Pres. Bartemeyer at 7:06 p.m.

Minutes for November were published in the last newsletter. Motion made and seconded to accept the minutes as written.

A thorough review of the 2022 budget was given by G. Gleason, including information on the outcome of the Central Meet. It will be filed for future audit.

**Sunshine** - Two sympathy cards were sent out; we lost Alvin Elmore and Neil West. A Get Well card was sent to M. Bartemeyer.

**Roster** - Nothing new.

**Membership** - No new members. Three of our members will hit their 50th year as club members in 2023.

**Webmaster** - Changes are made to keep us up to date with events so check out our website.

**Historian** - N/A

### **Old Business:**

We still have 2 open one year board positions and 1 two year position to fill. Please volunteer to fill in for 1 year. We are waiting for a price for a 4x4 tri colored banner for signage at events.

### **New Business:**

Jamie King of UTHS auto mechanic class has shown no interest in us participating with the students. Our president was paying a membership out of her pocket, but will discontinue doing so.. We received the National insurance policy invoice. We are covered whether or not we pay it. It is not prorated for the amount of members in each chapter, so we will once again not pay. A number of garage/tech nights are being set up. John Brewer is lining up about a half dozen events. If you would like to find out more about it and host a garage/tech night, get in touch with him. It was decided to keep sending monthly newsletter to widows who are no longer members. If you do not want to receive them, let one of the board members know. A motion was made by J. Brewer and seconded by M. Lousberg to nominate Mike Flaherty as a new Board Member. We now have 2 one year positions open. Motion by G. Gleason, seconded by M. Lousberg was made to cancel having signage banners in lieu of folding signs made by F. Bartemeyer at no cost to the club. Cars and Ice Cream are changing their location to Kennedy Dr in Moline. We will check out the site to see if our club is still interested in participating.

### **Meet Business:**

The ice cream social for the 2023 event was discussed. They will not allow an outside vendor to come in and our price from Isle of Capri would be \$6.50 per person. We might come up with another alternative. All trailers must be pre-registered to utilize the parking lot. The meetings for this year's meet are on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. All club members are welcome to attend and needed.

## **GRAND NATIONAL MEET MEETING Education Center, Moline, IL – November 17, 2022**

Present: Mark Lousberg, Fred Bartemeyer Jr., Mary Bartemeyer, John Brewer, Dick and Sandy Perry, Eric Smith, Clair Pearson, Gary Gleason, Mike Flaherty

Mark Reviewed the Meet Milestone Chart for October/November as follows:

Begin work with City of Bettendorf (regarding street use/safety)

Visit Quad Cities contacted for support:

Mary reviewed the results of the meeting held 10/26 with VQC. Most tourism funds have already been allocated to 2023 events, but staff will handle major publicity and will assist with our Facebook page to maximize the impact of advertising the Gr. Natl. We will follow up with the possibility of free meet book printing thru Modern Woodmen printing.

Identify potential sponsors –reviewed possible National sponsors and the levels of sponsorship.

Develop a budget –First draft of the budget reviewed, tweaked, changed as known. Hospitality and Activities planned along with meals. Options: River Bandits Baseball game on Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup> will be listed, but no shuttle provided in favor of ice cream social in hotel that night. Clarify if hotel will allow ice cream vendor to be on premises Thursday evening. Suggested charge – \$5.

Friday, August 11- Celebration Belle Riverboat ride – we have contract for 200 passengers leaving from the Isle Bettendorf Dock. Cost \$60 ea.

Saturday, August 12 – Awards Banquet- Clair will follow-up with menus and meal charges.

Mary suggested possible meet theme as “Old Meets New”, which references the old & new I-74 Bridges. Need a daytime photo of both bridges. Rough draft of trifold reviewed.

John Brewer presented possible parking maps for car trailers, judge’s admin. trailers, food trucks and porta potties. Trailer parking will be \$35 for standard, \$50 for longer trailer and/or motor home. Show vehicle parking spots will be marked with a number tag matching the mirror tag attached to a metal washer.

The following Grand National Meet positions remain open: Event Marketing Team, and Merchandise.

Clair Pearson and Stuart Etheridge will co-chair trailer parking.

## **GRAND NATIONAL MEET MEETING**

### **Education Center, Moline, IL – December 14, 2022**

Present: Mark Lousberg, Fred Bartemeyer Jr., Mary Bartemeyer, John Brewer, Dick and Sandy Perry, Eric Smith, Clair Pearson, Gary Gleason, Mike Flaherty  
Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

The following items were reported on:

- Judges Breakfast will cost \$22.10. Judges are to pay \$10 ea. Balance is reimbursed from AACCA.
- Saturday night plated supper choices include roasted pork chop, stuffed chicken breast including salad, potatoes, vegetables, dessert. Cost includes T/T. Participants will pay \$50 each.
- Ice Cream Social – no new developments – feel sure the hotel will allow our ice cream vendor to bring in her product and setup for Thursday evening.
- Generator for Judges Admin Trailers – will try to get donated in return for ad in book
- Per Mar security costs if needed are \$37.23/hr.
- Meet T-shirts available for \$20 each
- Spectator parking spaces available in ramp – 780 spots
- Internet Connectivity – Media Com can run cable to trailer for full connectivity during judging needs.
- Porta Potties - \$100/day each including p/up & delivery for regular, \$150 for Handicap and Wash Station.
- Table and chair rentals – 8' tables are \$9 each, chairs are \$1.90 ea. Merchandise tent 20x20 = \$155
- Trash can boxes – from Republic are 0 cost
- Security – minimum thru police security details and cameras will be available.
- Trailer parking and driving routes seem well established. Contact with Bettendorf Police for street driving assistance will be done thru Visit Quad Cities
- Red & Green Tags will indicate appropriate parking areas for trailers. Matching ground tag with washer will indicate exact parking spot
- Mary will send out tags with registration confirmation envelope.
- Clair and Stuart Etheridge will have master list of all registrations and parking needs
- Advertising in the meet book—Eric Smith will contact national companies for ads. Mark and other Board members will contact local companies. Title Sponsor needed for \$5,000, full page ad \$1,000, ½ page ad \$500, ¼ page ad is \$250, 1/8 page ad is \$100. Mark will keep spreadsheet on ad progress.
- Hotel Room rates range from \$125-\$139 depending on the nights needed
- We will offer a tour to Vinje Dahl Old Car Home during meet
- Annette Bartemeyer will use the same photo for the trifold, dash plaque and Meet book cover
- Theme: Old Meets New suggested by Mary Bartemeyer.
- Trifold: Mary will send out current version for board member input– needs complete info so it can be submitted to Natl. by January.
- Signage – John Brewer will create additional directional signs as needed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next Meeting February 15, 2023 – NO JANUARY MEETING



## MVR Members Out and About.

Once again this weekend is the annual Rod & Custom Car Show at the Bend XPO. Several MVR Members chose to display their cars this year.

Next month's Autograf will have a full report.



Mary Bartemeyer's 1962 Chevrolet Corvette



Fred Bartemeyer's 1984 Fiero 2+2 Concept car. One of One produced.

# Repairing a 100 Year Old Switch

A Story by Clair Pearson

Not long after purchasing my 1922 Velie I was checking out the electrical system. I knew the ignition system worked as we were able to drive it into the garage after trailering it home. Good after sitting for well over a year. When trying the lighting switch, it separated in my hand with little resistance. Since I had no plans to drive at night I did not go further at that time.



Now that show season is over, I decided to delve into the problem. Not surprisingly I was not able to locate a replacement switch online. I discussed my options with my friend, club member Steve LeMaster, a very knowledgeable and skilled craftsman. He assured me that he could repair the broken switch. His solution would be to disassemble the switch to gain access the broken part.

My job was to remove the entire switch box from the wood dash. Not as easy as it sounds. Very tight quarters and I was not even sure how it was attached. As it turned out it was secured from the back by a retainer ring. Theoretically just loosen 2 screws, twist and remove. After about an hour, success. I then labeled all the wires as they were removed.





The unit was then taken to Steve's shop for him to work his magic. He disassembled the unit and went to work. To repair the broken switch, which was pot metal, he drilled both pieces and inserted 2 pins and secured with JB weld. While this was drying he replaced the springs holding the ball bearing detents with weaker ones. This will reduce the amount of force needed to move the switch between positions. The result is less chance of a future failure. Once dry he proceeded to clean and paint. Once finished you can barely see the repair.



Since I didn't have a key, I decided this was the time to see if I could get one. The locksmith did not have the correct blank but did give me one to try. With some Dremel and file work I was able to make it work. Another learning experience for me.

Once back at my place I filed the retainer rings to allow them to move freely. I also checked the wires to ensure all the lights worked. They did. I did locate a hidden fuse box while doing this. Never would have looked for it where it is. Time to reattach the wires and secure to the dash. Much easier than removal process.

The final result turned out great, and I learned more about the working of this marvelous machine. The other important thing is to ask for help from more knowledgeable people. They are always willing to help us with less experience.





## Automotive History notes.

Thank you Fred for this concept.

Significant automobile days in November were provided by Fred Bartemeyer. I have added December and January and will continue this presentation monthly during 2023. -Editor

November 1<sup>st</sup>, Studebaker introduced the Hawk on this day in 1955.

November 2<sup>nd</sup>, The Cord 810 Coffin Nose debuted at the New York Auto Show on this day in 1935.

November 2<sup>nd</sup>, The first Chrysler minivans began rolling off of the assembly line on this day in 1982.

November 4<sup>th</sup>, Ford debuted its mid-priced Mercury line up on this day in 1938.

November 5<sup>th</sup>, George Selden received a US patent for the automobile on this day in 1895.

November 8<sup>th</sup>, On this day in 1908 Bobby Hupp took the first successful test drive of a Hupmobile on the streets of Detroit, Michigan.

November 12<sup>th</sup>, General Motors bought Oldsmobile on this day in 1908.

November 14<sup>th</sup>, The first production Dodge car left the factory on this day in 1914.

December 4<sup>th</sup>, A months-long strike by Chrysler workers finally ended in 1939.

December 11<sup>th</sup>, The 1,000,000 Model T is produced in 1915.

December 15<sup>th</sup>, The rotary engine is patented in 1856.

December 16<sup>th</sup>, The first SAAB is Produced in 1949.

January 14<sup>th</sup>, AMC is formed in 1954.

January 17<sup>th</sup>, The Corvette debuted in 1953.

January 18<sup>th</sup>, Bentley Motors Car Company is formed in 1919.



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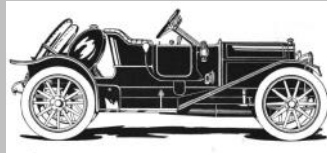


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