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President's Column November 2023

Another successful year has come and gone. From the start with the Rod 'N Custom Auto Show which picked up 14 new members, to our Grand National/Zenith Show and ending up with our Annual Banquet it has been a busy year and one to remember. We have laughed, gone through tensions, warm weather and rain and grown to 151 members strong. The fruits of our labor have added to our treasury which will be enjoyed for years to come. If you helped throughout the year THANK YOU SO MUCH. If you were unable to help, please thank those who did.

Looking ahead, we now have 4 members of the Board of Directors who are under the age of 70, 3 even younger. We will grow if we listen to their new ideas and embrace them. To keep our Region growing we must change. There are lots of vehicles that are 25 years and older. It seems like 1998 was just yesterday to many of us but today is an antique. We are seeing more foreign vehicles mixed in our domestics, motorized bikes/scooters of all shapes and sizes, trucks, and even at Hershey there was a meticulously restored cement mixer. I grew up with a car from the 20's. My son goes from '09 to the largest concentration of 80's Pontiac Fieros around. Each of us has his or her own reason as to what they like; stories that need to be heard. It's time to tell your stories of why you are a member and what you want to see in the future. We cannot grow without that input.

I joined the AACA for 3 main reasons:

Preservation – We preserve the past through all the measures at our disposal. Our literature we collect and even building one of the best National Libraries in the country. From the rare one-of-a-kind examples, to the everyday transportation that we all grew up with and enjoy today. Taking care of our vehicles to preserve all eras of history.

Restoration – To bring back the vehicles that have put this nation on the road. To help those who are working on that task. We share tips and information necessary to keep our babies on the road

Education – I feel it's our duty to teach all ages the importance of our hobby through our shows and displays. It is living, running history not sitting in some museum. We do this through displaying our beauties via touring and displays. To see these vehicles on the open road or running onto a show field is the best history we can teach. Tell the public about your vehicles and what it takes to keep them on the road.

Last but not least, we come for the cars but you stay for the people.

Mary B



Member of the Year



Clair Pearson, MVR Member of the Year receives his plaque from club president Mary Bartemeyer during the annual banquet.

2023 MVR End of Year Banquet

Thanks to all who attended the banquet and brought in items for the Live Auction. The tables were full of various items and thanks to Eric, our auctioneer, and his assistants Val and Jan the auction brought in a total of \$361.50! Jan announced election results which returned John as VP, No Secretary, Eric and Stu as board members and our new board member Justin Landwehr. She also had a fun plan to determine who received the table decorations made by Jan and Val. Gary gave the Club financial report, Mark spoke of our hosting the Grand National and Mary recognized Club Veterans and handed out a 50-Year pin to Otto Patting, a plaque to past member of the year Jan Patting and a plaque to honor current member of the year Clair Pearson.

The Club is still in need of a secretary, male or female. Besides taking notes this is a voting position and you have the same say as anyone else on the board to chart the direction of the club. You can contact Jan to learn more about this important position. Someone can typically fill in for you from time to time.

Your board resumes its meetings the first Wednesday in January and each month thru November. It is open to any member who would like to see how we operate and you can offer your thoughts. Future considerations to be discussed are day bus trips, garage nights, drive events, blog page, and more monthly activities. One thing we need is increased member participation. Some drives involve a lot of planning and we need more than just a few showing up to make it worth it. Drive events we try to have a floating weekend that will turn out dry. If you want to see other activities, let any board member know so we can consider. January/February we will be setting the club event calendar for local car events and our monthly drive/activity.

Below is feedback from the Banquet: Please continue to give us ideas!

*Continue Garage Seminars-they were great!
A Trip to Dave's Classic Cars and Country Classic Cars(I-55)
Carpool to Sullivan Auto Auction
Caravan to Jefferson Car Meet in Wisconsin
Brass-and-nickel-era car tour with AACA and HCCA
Have non-auto events as in the past
Approach high school classes for inclusion*

Trips to: Muscatine, Burlington, Savanna, Fulton, Niabi Zoo, Macomb, Monmouth

Any member can arrange an event for the club. You can have any board member help you and you can contact me at any time for assistance. John Brewer 563-370-6902



Larry Tschappat leads the food line



Banquet host John Brewer directing events



Otto Patting receives his 50 Year AACA pin.



Jan Patting receives overdo recognition for being member of the year 2021



Auctioneer and member Eric Smith doing his thing

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

***Welcome John & Michele Kling of Byron, Illinois.
They own a 1977 Chevrolet Chevelle Malibu Classic and a 1987 Chevrolet Corvette.***



MVR Secretary

Your Club is in need of a secretary to take notes during the board meetings 11 times a year on the first Wednesday of the month. Meetings are typically an hour in length held at the Education Center at Butterworth. Many have served in this position for many years so here is your opportunity to help your club out and fill this important position. This is not a gender specific position!

Please contact any board member of your interest or for more info. Thanks!

Summer's End

MVR member Marilyn Resetich passed away on Nov 13.

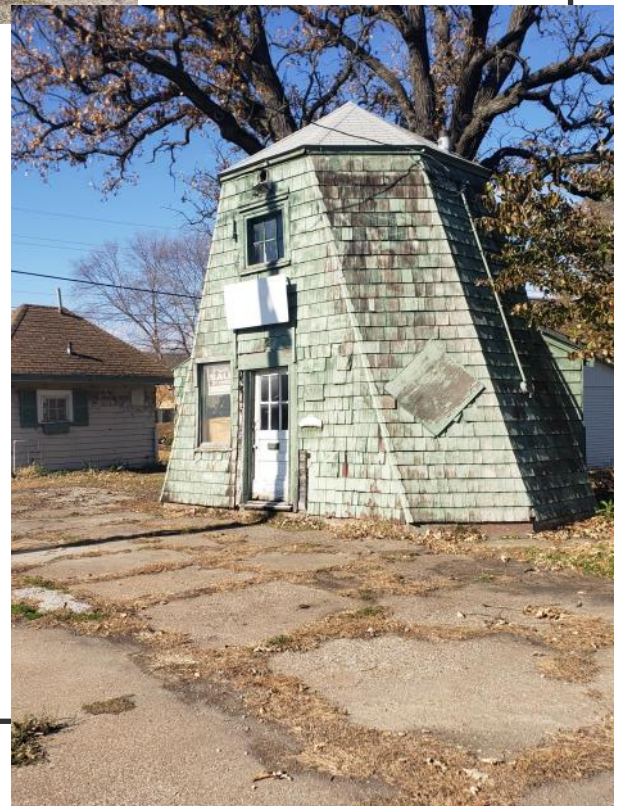
After our trip to Felix's Skelly station I started thinking about some of the interesting old service stations around the Quad Cities. It occurred to me that it could be a monthly Autograf feature which our members could participate in by submitting photographs and stories.

I'll start with these and look forward to our members submissions. -Mark



On the Southwest corner of Second Street and Warren in Davenport sits a station I have always admired. If I recall correctly it was last operating as a Conoco. Does anyone know any history on this service station?

In the early 1930s gas stations resembling windmills could be found along the roadside. I have seen many photos but have only seen one that identified the station as a Texaco. This example sits on the North side of Illinois 92 in Moline at the 3700 block. It's for sale too!



Me begging myself not to buy another project car since I already have 7 unfinished projects in the driveway



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Upcoming MVR Events

The 41st Annual 97X Rod & Custom Show is coming up on January 12-14th at the XPO in East Moline, IL. Our club has participated in this show for years and it is an excellent venue to raise awareness plus gain members.

We are reserving four spots for members' cars. If you have an interest in displaying your car while representing your club please contact

Fred Bartemeyer at 563-340-5897

or

Mary Bartemeyer – 563-340-3266

For Sale

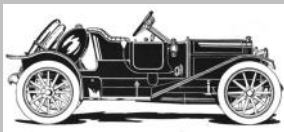
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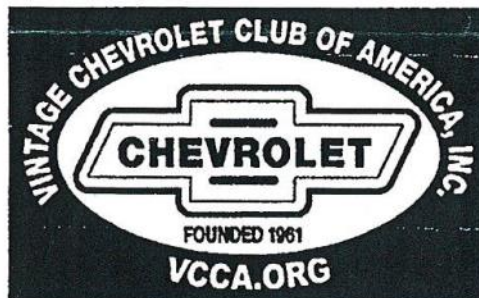
710 S West Street

Take I-57 to Peotone/Wilmington Road. East to the Fairgrounds (turn North before the railroad tracks).

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Automotive History in November

November 1900, America held its first auto show at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

November 3, 1911 – Chevrolet founded.

November 11, 1926 – The U.S. Number Highway System was established.

November 12, 1998 – Daimler-Chrysler formed.

November 14, 1914 – First Dodge produced, it was a Model 30.

November 15, 1995 - Ford produces their 100,000,000 vehicle.

November 18, 1960 - Chrysler announces the Desoto brand will end in 1961.

November 22, 1893 - Future GM Styling Chief Harley Earl is born.

November 30, 1960 – International Harvester produces the first Scout in Fort Wayne, IN.



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