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MVR at the 2024 Rod and Custom Show

The 41st Rod and Custom show was ushered in by a terrible snow storm and drastically cold temperatures. That didn't stop the MVR and hundreds of spectators from enjoying the event.

This show brings a lot of attention to the club so enough can't be said about the members who volunteer to bring their cars out in Winter for our exhibit. Great thanks to Michael Flaherty, Eric Smith, Steve LeMaster and John & Mary Hazen!

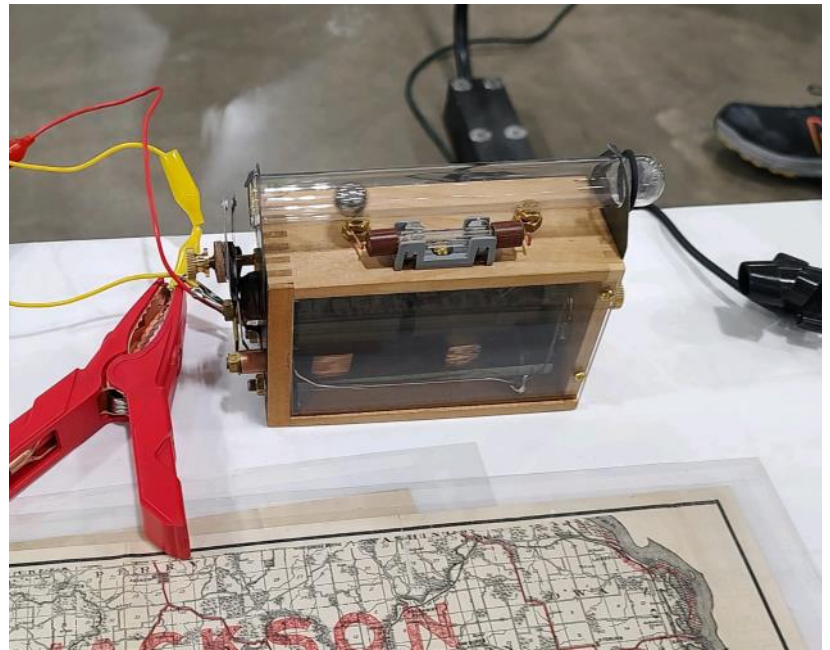




The MVR was honored this year by being chosen as one of the TOP 25 Displays of the Rod and Custom Show.

Photos by Fred

Bartemeyer



Were you aware the MVR has a Facebook page? Go to Facebook and search

'Mississippi Valley Region AACA' and check out the postings. A very special thanks to MVR member Justin Landwehr for doing a lot of behind the scenes work on the club's page!

 Mississippi Valley Region AACA is 😊 feeling excited.
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It's that time! The QC Rod and Custom Car Show. Checkout some of these MVR Member cars 🥰 #antique #automobile #ClassicCars



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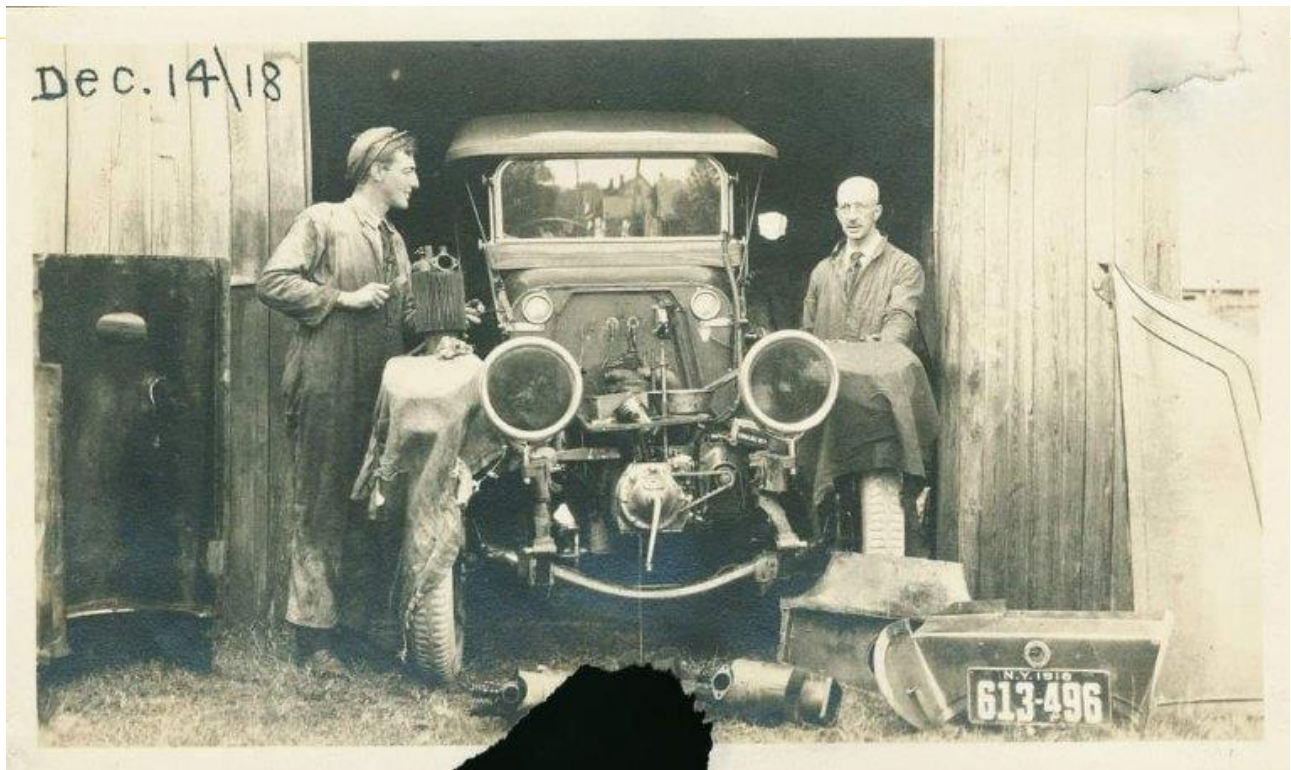
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2024 MVR Elections

At the January board meeting the current election process and cost was discussed. Of the 120 ballots and envelopes mailed out postage paid, only 32 were returned.

One lower cost procedure that was motioned and passed was to implement a trial for 2024 to have a ballot box at the Annual Banquet with everyone present given a ballot. In the September Autograf it will be noted that if you wish to vote but not attending the Banquet you can request an absentee ballot. It is mailed to you and returned postage paid to the Secretary who will count all ballots at the Banquet and announce results. After review we will vote on implementing this cost saving change in our By-laws.

Any questions or concerns please contact John Brewer 563-370-6902



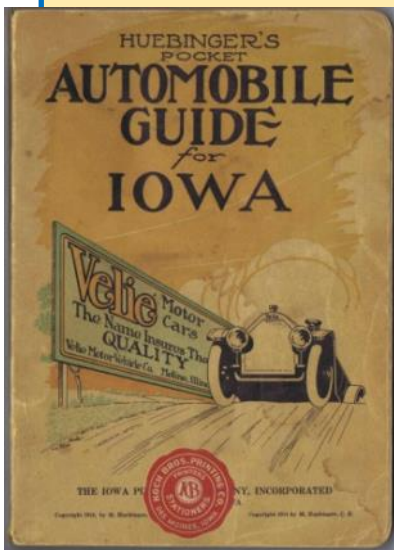
MVR member John Brewer notes this engine has individual jugs and overhead valves. Can anyone help identify the car?

Upcoming MVR Events

On Sunday, March 24th at 2:00 PM, the German American Heritage Center (712 W 2nd St, Davenport, IA 52802) will host a presentation by Mike Flaherty on the making of the first automobile atlas of Iowa by local Davenport cartographer Melchoir Huebinger.

Huebinger arrived as a German immigrant to Davenport in 1880 to work as a surveyor and cartographer for the Army Corps of Engineers in Rock Island. He published his first local atlas of Scott County in 1882, and later produced hundreds of local maps and atlases in his downtown Davenport shop until 1910, when he moved to Des Moines to coordinate the first ever automobile road atlas of Iowa. Mike Flaherty will present a history of Huebinger's central role in the development of modern maps of Davenport, culminating in the production of the first automobile atlas of the state of Iowa in 1912. Huebinger's career covered the transition from horse and buggy Victorian maps to modern 20th century automobile map production and is a fascinating look into how maps were made at the turn of the last century.

The presentation will include dozens of local maps, guide books and atlases produced by Huebinger's companies between 1882 and 1926 from Mr Flaherty's collection.

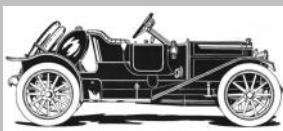


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Jan has a 23' GMC Motorhome and though we did not attend this last year, 80 of them were at the M1 Concourse skid pad in Pontiac, Michigan to mark the 50th anniversary where they were built.

The GMC Motorhome was designed in 23' and 26' versions using the Tornado front drive package (Unitized Power Package). Without a rear driveshaft the floor came in at 14" above the road. Rear air suspension featured 2 bogie wheels in tandem giving more interior room than duals. With overall center of gravity low, plus torsion front suspension coupled with wide rear suspension, drivers found the motorhome handling more like a sports car as can be seen on GM handling tests found on You-tube.

Production started in 1973 in Plant #3 on two levels. Upper level was body build with body panels adhesively boded to the trussed aluminum frame. Lower level built the chassis and where then the body was joined. In total 12,921 were produced with an estimated 8,500 still on the road today.

John B.

The Old Gas Station Page

Inspired by our club's visit to Felix's Skelly station in October, I shared two pictures of old Quad City gas stations in the November Autograf and asked our readers to help locate such stations in our community. I received several positive comments and a couple of submissions which were greatly appreciated!

Focusing on Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois, look out for such relics while driving and send in a photo along with the location.

Thanks -Mark

MVR member **Justin Landwehr** shared the below Facebook post. I actually drive by this every couple of weeks and have been watching the progress. -Mark

A '58 Texaco Station I'm having re done now in Milan IL. More to come!!!!





Former DX Station at the corner of 18th Avenue and 9th Street in Rock Island. Across the street from Douglas Park



Lamont, Iowa, submitted by John Brewer



Restored Texaco station on Route 6 in Dwight, IL.
-John Brewer



When she sees your collection of unfinished car projects for the first time



Map of Countries Officially Not Using the Metric System



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Tools Every Country Uses To Turn Metric Sockets 1/2", 3/8", 1/4"






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