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President's Column June 2024

The saga continues. For the last three years, it has rained on our Family Day/Pancake Breakfast. It was not as cold or windy as last year but it was wet. We exceeded our prior year's attendance by 5 hearty souls to 38, but that's disheartening when all the planning, purchasing, etc. goes awry due to Mother Nature. So, for those of you who missed it, the pancakes and sausage were delicious, the coffee was hot, the juice was cold, and the milk consumed. The hot coffee hit the spot. After that filling breakfast, we had a short meeting outlining the rest of the year's activities and discussing the facts that we have two Board Members retiring and one position that has been unoccupied since January. Yes, this is my last year as President and after occupying many offices with the Region, Gary Gleason is turning off his calculator as Treasurer. The unoccupied position is Secretary. A short poll was taken and the youngest member in attendance was 52 years old and it was found that 3 of our members in attendance on a cold, rainy, miserable day were turning 90 in a few weeks. AMAZING! Where were the rest of you? Those members expect this Region to help carry this club into the future. It's a great Region with lots of potential to keep vehicles 25 years or older on the road, to help those who need it, and to teach the younger generations the pride of owning and joy of driving an antique vehicle. Okay I'm off my soap box again.

Next week I'm off to Saratoga Springs, NY for our next Board of Directors Meeting and 2024 Eastern Spring Nationals. If you have anything you wish to have brought up at the National level, let me know. I fly on the 19th. As I've said before, there are always new people to meet and antique vehicles to see. See you at Christmas in July on 7/18!

Mary B

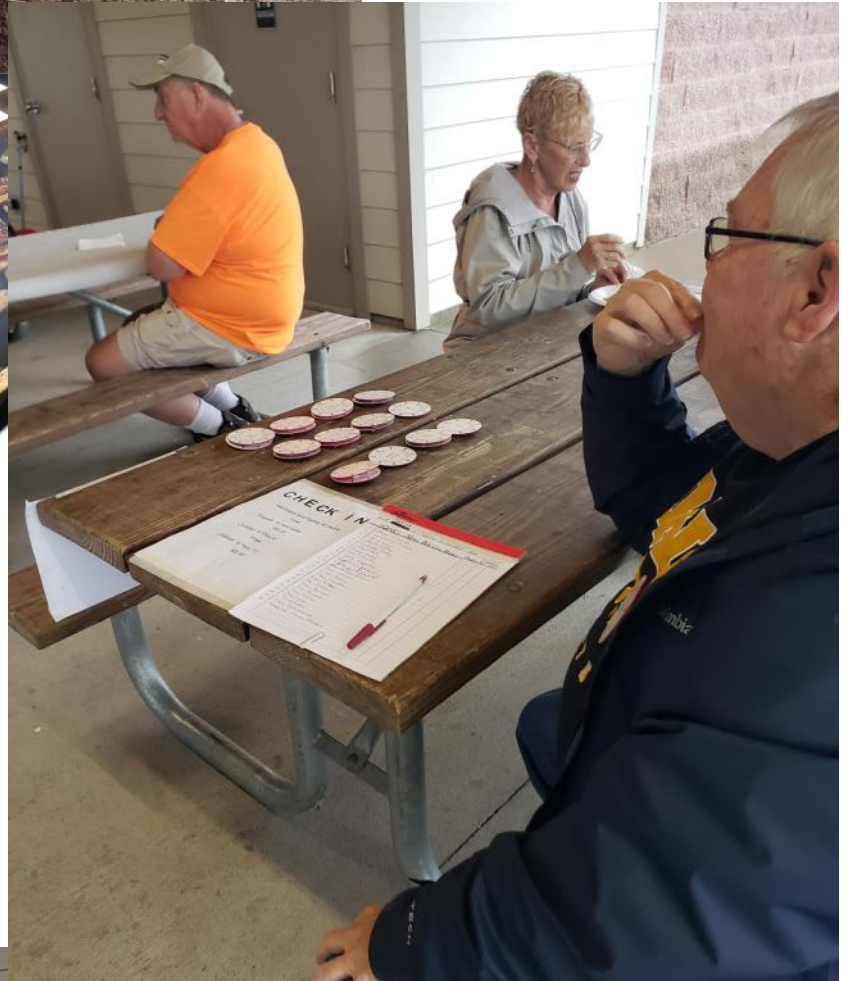


MVR Family Day 2024

Thirty-eight people didn't let the rain dampen their spirits for the Mississippi Valley Region Family Day on June 1st.

We met at a West Lake shelter to enjoy friendship and a great breakfast. A special thanks to John Brewer for all his planning and to all the volunteers that helped.







MVR Members Out & About

On Saturday June 8th it was the Strawberry Festival in Long Grove which included a car show. MVR Members Joe Grant and Eric Smith were there showing their vehicles.



Joe Grant's Chevelle won the Strawberry Festival Mayor's Award".

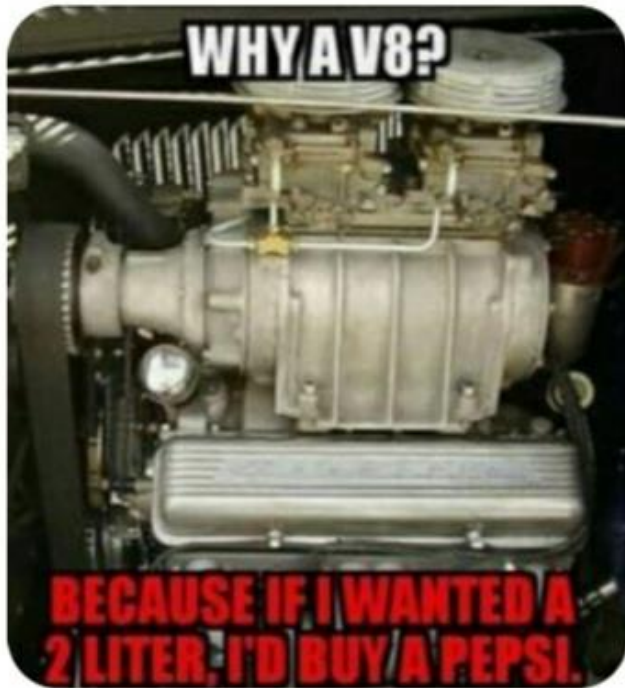


MVR members Roger and Linda Lamm showed their Packard Taxi in West Allis, Wisconsin at the Packard National Show on June 13th.



Upcoming MVR Events

- July 18th Christmas in July *RSVP Required, (See details following page)
- July 20th Wayne's Birthday *RSVP Required, (See details following page)
- August 1st-3rd Bettendorf Americana, Isle of Capri
- August 24th Scout County Tour, (See details following page)
- September 7th Johnson's place for a picnic following Planes Trains and Automobiles in Geneseo. More to come.
- September 28th Cruise to Prophetstown State Park for a cookout *RSVP Required



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Christmas in July

Thursday, July 18th Club Activity

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Deere Wiman Carriage House

817 11th Avenue, Moline

Parking across the street

Food, Table service, Water, & Fun included

Members: free

Guests: \$10.00

Only food will be ordered for those who register in advance before the deadline.

Contact Gary & LaVonne Gleason for reservations at 563-386-4649 or glgleason@aol.com

Deadline: Thursday, July 9th

Since there are many questions about our July activity "Christmas in July" here is what it is about. The tables are decorated for Christmas just like any ordinary December Christmas. There are **NO** gifts involved. Please make your reservation by Tuesday July 9th and come and eat with us and enjoy some easy holiday games with prizes. Christmas in July is a popular tradition for families who cannot gather in December due to weather and distance

Wayne Scherer's 90th Birthday Extravaganza!!!

Location: **Wayne's World**,
4615 78th Ave West, Milan IL.

Come celebrate the life and times of Wayne as he pushes past 90. Join us in fellowship, touring his collection, food, beverages, conversation, and laughter!!!

Saturday July 20th, 2024 (rain date July 27th)

Parking: antique cars past the big tree; modern cars before the tree.

Times: 1:00 Social Time
2:00 – 3:00 Food Cooked
3:30 Program (1930 Franklin revealed)

Invited: MVR members and Wayne's family & friends

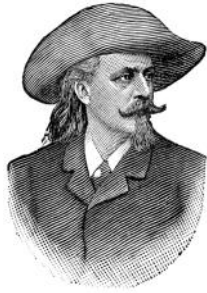
Please RSVP by July 13th!!!

E-mail, Text or Call: John Brewer Jwbrew15@aol.com
563-370-6902

You will be contacted if we need to go with the rain date.

Brought to you by the Wayne's birthday committee.

No Presents Please! Only **Your** Presence Requested.



AACA MVR Summer Tour

Saturday August 24th

Scott County, Iowa



65 mile Tour on paved rural roads
 Model T and Pre War Car Friendly Tour
 Newer antique cars are encouraged!

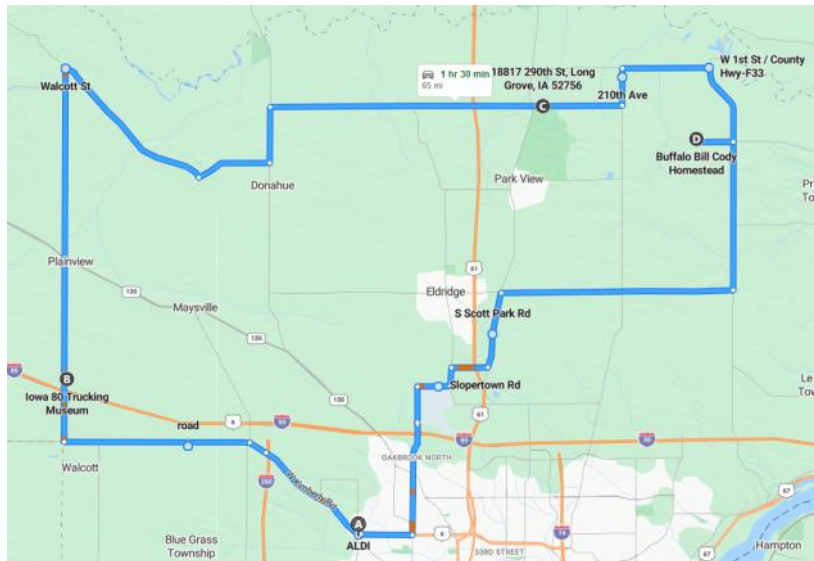
Stops Include:

- Iowa 80 Trucking Museum
- Don Nagle Walnut Grove Pioneer Village (Soda Fountain will be open for tourists)
- Buffalo Bill Cody Homestead

Suggested \$2.00 admission for each location



Meet at West Kimberly Aldi Parking lot
 at 9:00 AM Saturday August 24th
 3643 W Kimberly Rd, Davenport, IA
 52806



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For questions call Mike Flaherty 314-968-8574

Once again Friendship Manor in Rock Island held a Father's Day car show for their residents. The directors reached out to the Quad City Cruisers and the Mississippi Valley Region for support . This year MVR members answered the call with seven cars.



Clair Pearson's 1946 Seagrave Fire truck



Tim Drain shows the Jag's V-12 to admiring onlookers



Justin Landwehr and his 1955 Thunderbird



Jan and John Brewer brought out the 1932 Auburn V-12

Kathy & Stu Etheridge travelled in the 1928 Willys-Knight



Lou and Jean Haas brought their 56 Chevrolet



Mark Lousberg's 38 Plymouth

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Get ready for a remarkable experience at Bettendorf Americana: Vintage Car and Antique Show & Auction, organized by TV personality, Rob Wolfe from American Pickers! From August 1st to 3rd, 2024, the Isle of Capri Casino in downtown Bettendorf, Iowa, becomes a haven for vintage car enthusiasts and antique aficionados. Discover classic cars alongside unique antique treasures. With thrilling auctions, a bustling swap meet, and an atmosphere steeped in Americana charm, this event promises unforgettable moments on the beautiful bank of the Mississippi River.

This is more than just an event; it's a vision to transform the Quad Cities into a global vintage car and Antique destination. Your participation supports local students through trade scholarships. Come and celebrate our shared passion, partake in the excitement of auctions, and make a meaningful impact at Bettendorf Americana. Join us in shaping history, one classic car and Antique treasure at a time.

The [Quad City Mopar Club](#) and [Crabby's Bar & Grill](#)

2024 monthly Cruise-Ins Schedule

June 25, 2024

July 30, 2024

August 27, 2024

September 24, 2024

The Old Gas Station Page

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

-Mark



Located in Prophetstown, Illinois is this old Marathon station.

Next month, a member's story.



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