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President's Column

This has been a busy month for me. I had forgotten how to travel by myself and it was quite the journey. Fred continues to recover from his fall so I attended the National Board Meeting in Saratoga Springs, NY solo. I planned an extra travel day to get there by air and it's a good thing I did. The plane got me to Chicago, but my flight to Albany, NY was cancelled. So, I spent night one at a hotel in Chicago and flew the next morning, getting to the Board Meeting with only 15 minutes to spare. Did I mention I HATE TO FLY. The Host Hotel was sold out so a rental car was necessary which is both bad and good. I had not driven a Nissan Rogue before and it was an adventure. Saratoga Springs is an old town with the most beautiful old mansions that I had seen for a long time. Noted for its horse racing, it was quite clear there was more than enough money to support it.

Friday, I spent my time touring the town and the Saratoga Springs Antique Auto Museum, which was featuring Lamborghini. Some beautiful examples. AACA festivities took up the afternoon and evening. I still have to give our Region a big pat on the back. I have not attended one since to match what we did.

Saturday was show day with 232 cars registered. Although the show field was attached to the host hotel, the trailer parking was 2 miles away. The vehicles made it to the show field, but by 11 a.m. it was raining hard and it continued most of the rest of the day. I was working in admin and the paperwork coming in was absolutely soaked. Too bad, the area was beautiful but the rain didn't care. Again, seeing old friends, and meeting new ones. Seeing cars I had not seen before and definitely enjoying the new countryside. I especially favor the old. The 1903 Oldsmobile and of course the 1912 Velie who the owner said had been back to the Quad Cities during the last Velie Reunion.

Hope to see you at "Christmas in July".

Mary B



MVR Members Out & About



Saturday June 22nd found MVR members Steve LeMaster, Jan Brewer & John Brewer in Blue Grass Iowa at the Best of the Bunch show.





The International Studebaker Club held their 2024 meet in Dubuque, Iowa.

MVR member Eric Smith proudly displayed his 1928.

The Brewer's made an appearance at the Buffalo, IA car show



90 Nash vehicles converged on Oregon, IL for the 2024 Nationals. The Brewer's took first place!

Upcoming MVR Events

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

Have you visited the **MVR Facebook Page?**

For Facebook to be relevant as an awareness tool there has to be frequent visits and posts made to the site.

MVR Member Justin Landwehr is hard at work promoting our club through postings twice a week. Check out his work!



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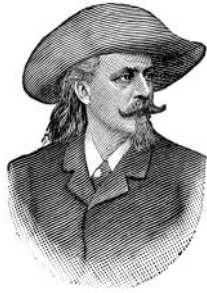
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AACA MVR Summer Tour

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!

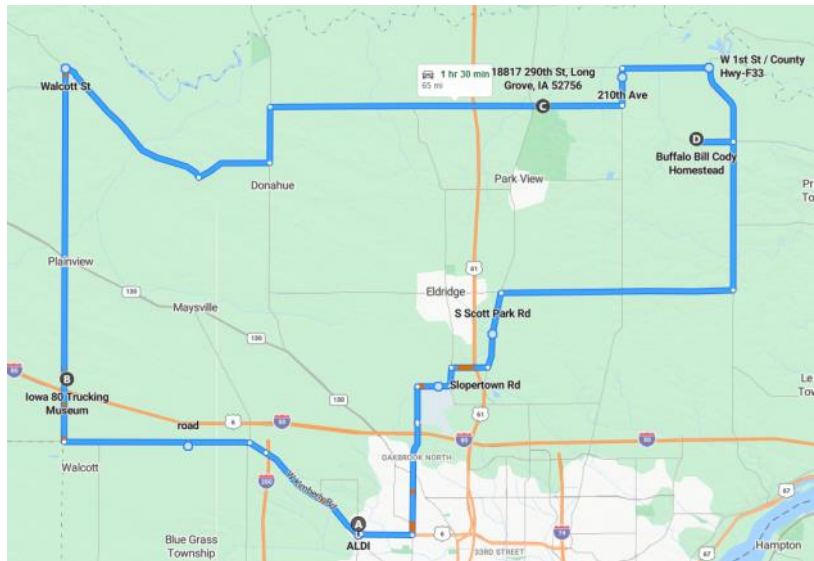
Stops Include:

- 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



Bing Maps Route URL:

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LEGENDS ON WHEELS: WHERE VINTAGE CARS TAKE CENTER STAGE

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.



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DYNO Tuning your Classic Car

My friend Dan Mathies recently reached out to me with some interesting news. He wrote,

“Years back we talked about tuning carbs and setting timing. I finally broke down and searched for a shop to help me straighten out my Camaro. I found the AutoShop in Tipton had a chassis dyno. The owner Scott was great to work with and we had my car done in less than 4 hours. Best it has ever ran and it was surprisingly well priced. If you or any of the club are looking I highly recommend them.

1095 Cedar Valley Rd, Tipton, IA 52772

Dan is speaking of his 1980 Camaro that he bought in high school. He was smart enough to keep his first car.

I’ve got some timing issues with my Power Wagon. I’ve already reached out. I’ll report back to you all.

The **Quad City Mopar Club** and **Crabby’s Bar & Grill**

2024 monthly Cruise-Ins Schedule

This is open to all Makes & Models

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

MVR member Helen Drain's father, Howard Mueller had a gas station in Silvis Illinois for many years. Helen shared the photos below with us and states it was taken sometime between 1953-55.



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