



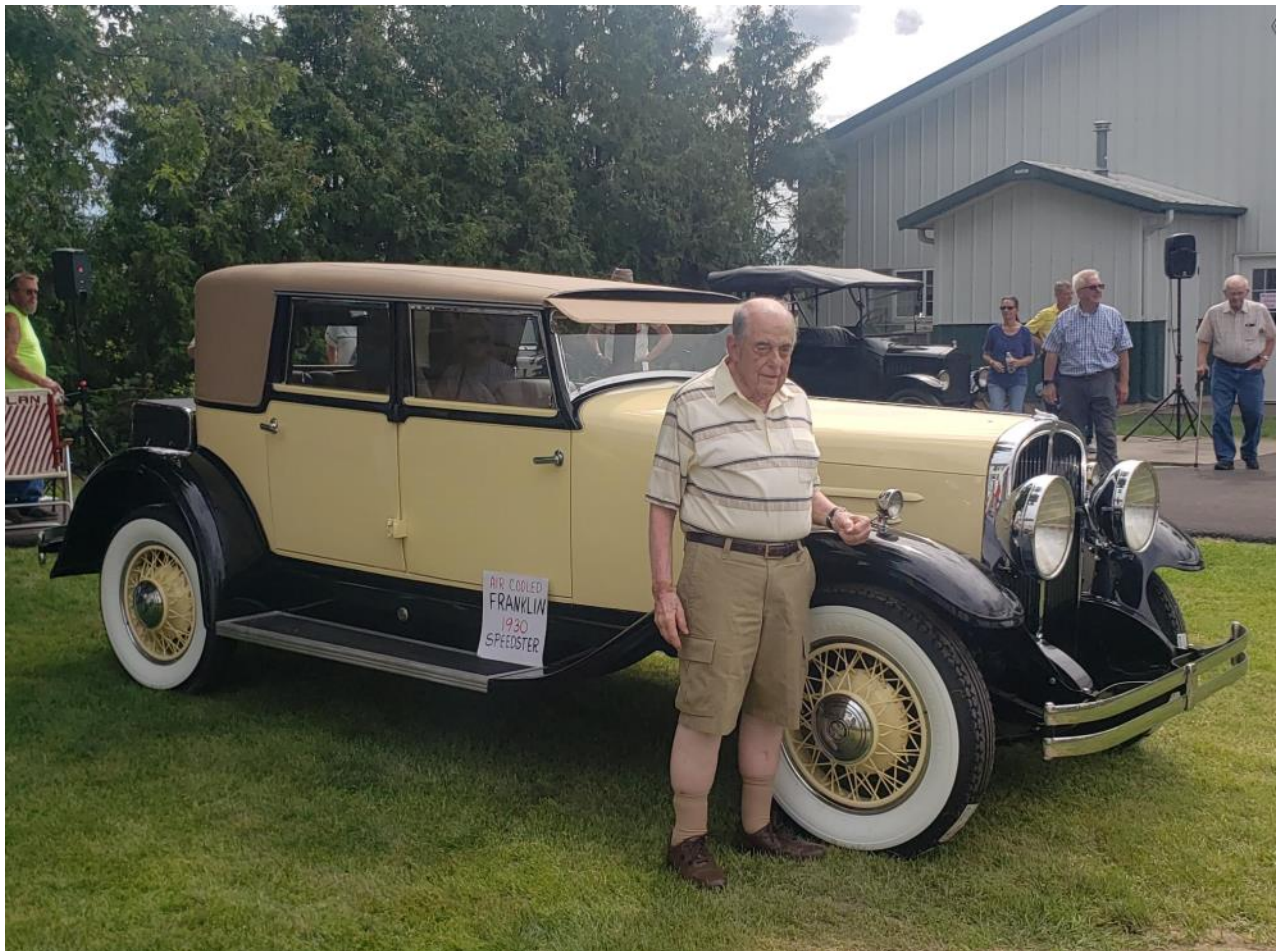
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Wayne and his 1930 Franklin Speedster

President's Column – August 2024

According to the song lyrics we're in the "lazy, hazy, crazy, days of summer". I must admit it has been different not travelling as much as usual, but several things have been accomplished that have been on hold for a long time. On the home front, the infection in Fred's foot is not clearing so we are now awaiting more surgery to remove the plates and screws that have helped the leg and foot to heal. Hopefully that takes care of all the infection and starts him back on both feet again. It's been a long trek.

At our last Board of Directors Meeting there was a discussion on how to spend our treasury. In years past, there were expenses (i.e. mail costs, "Autograf" printing, monthly event expenses etc.). Any profits earned were applied to those costs to keep our dues low. Today we don't have a lot of costs. Thanks to the labor by many, we did make a nice profit on our last two meets. We have been subsidizing many events but is this the most effective way to use our funds? I have always thought of our hobby as a preservation, restoration, and an educational organization. We are great at preserving and sharing our restoration tips with others, but what are we doing to educate our next generations about our hobby? **It is time to get your input on how we should spend our treasury?** Our membership always grows when we have National events. During the Meets we see members that we have not seen since that last National event. So what is our future? Many of us are aging. What do we want for the Mississippi Valley Region in the future? It's time for us to stop sitting on our hands and determine where we want our history, knowledge, and vehicles to go in the future. The Board needs your input. Talk to any one of our Board Members or send your thoughts via an email, US Post Office, call, text... I don't care how, but ultimately it's your money. We implore you to give us your thoughts.

See you at the Perry's drive, and Mike's Back Country Tour.

Mary B



Christmas in July

On July 18, 2024 twenty-seven club members gathered at the Deere Wiman Carriage House for Christmas in July. The club furnished the food, consisted of pulled pork and baked beans from Johnnies Market in Davenport plus potato salad, watermelon, chips and cookies.

Door prizes of one year MVRAACA dues were won by Kathy Etheridge and Jan Patting. The grand prize of a \$25 gift card from Hy-Vee was won by Ed York. Game prizes of 3 \$5.00 gift cards from Whitey's were awarded. Due to much collaboration by the contestants, winners were hard to determine. Winners were determined by who could guess closest to a chosen number. Everyone who played the game of matching candy bars with a clue, was awarded one or more Hershey Nuggets. Spirited conversation and bantering occurred during the games and it appeared that everyone had a good time.



This was an attempt to have an event during the week that did not involve driving so that all members could attend without feeling they had to bring a car. Thanks to all who attended.

Gary & LaVonne





Wayne Scherer's 90th Birthday Bash

Saturday July 20th there was a reported 100 people who attended the festivities for Wayne at Wayne's World in Milan. Wayne had his car collection on display and there was the special unveiling of his 1930 Franklin Speedster with body by Dietrich.

Wayne has had this car for around 50 years and acquired it in pieces (worst way to restore a car). Wayne did the painting and most of the assembly. Then other commitments came along, along with more Fords and progress slowed. Then he decided he wanted to see it finished and drive it! That's where Eric Smith came in. Eric chased missing parts, missing parts were fabricated, and the puzzle under his care finally came together. The upholstery work was completed, glass recut, new wiring, new tires, and they developed a tan marking issues even with the replacement set and soon a new set will be coming.

Classic Cars are ultra expensive to restore and find parts! The effort these days with costs is not to be entered lightly. Some have run up restoration costs of a million for just one classic.

Thru it all Wayne has persevered and soon will be driving the car that a wise man once said he would never finish.

The day was a great success and the committee of Mark, Emily, Eric, Jennifer, Kent, Val, Jan & John all worked on the plan and saw it thru. The morning setting up of cars strategically placed per Wayne's plan, was helped by Dave, Justin and Clair.

The grill developed a propane flow issue, but Kent saved the day by running on one portion and Eric went after 100 pieces of chicken to supplement. After eating Wayne had a special treat with Mary singing to him, leading with Happy Birthday!!!!

MVR members were joined by Wayne's close friends and family. After the Franklin was unveiled along with our "program", cake and ice cream was served. Wayne was smiling the whole day and that made it all worth it!

-John Brewer

I want to thank everyone that came to my 90th birthday celebration. It's a day I'll always remember. A great car club and great people.

A special thanks to the gals who organized all the food and did the serving, the guys who came and helped get all the cars out and in place, Kent Reedy who got part of the stove to work and fried all the burgers, Mark Lousberg who set up the sound system with mic and speakers and John Brewer who designed the day and worked to make it happen.

Also two good friends, Brian Breily and Rich Simmons who came a couple of days before the event and helped me mow the whole place with three lawn tractors and spruce it up. I only wish I'd gotten the row of zinnias planted earlier as they are now in full bloom and beautiful.

Thanks Again!

-Wayne









Upcoming MVR Events

August 18th **Old Oaks Winery. See details next page**

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****

Studebaker Corporate Headquarters

South Bend, IN

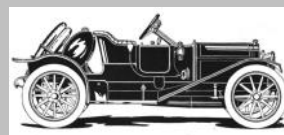
After being vacant for nineteen years there's renewed interest in preserving the former Studebaker corporate headquarters.

Developer Kevin Smith is redeveloping nearly a million square feet of former Studebaker factory in the Renaissance District. He has now turned his attention to the former corporate headquarters at 635 S. Main Street.

The South Bend Redevelopment Commission has brokered a deal to stabilize the building. Multiple sources will provide \$3.3 million to be used for a new roof and to cover missing windows with the goal being to stop water intrusion. \$825,000 of the funds, to identify and remove asbestos and lead, will come from the city.



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LUNCH, WINE and MUSIC
OLD OAKS WINERY, Rte. 67, MILAN
Sunday, August 18th, 1:00 p.m.

Join us for a leisurely Sunday afternoon drive to Old Oaks Winery, Route 67, Milan, Illinois. Bring your old car if possible. Parking area for us.

Enjoy a light lunch of Charcuterie boards, sandwiches, paninis, salads, fruit, wine or soft drinks. (Not required)

The winery opens at noon. Music on the deck starts at 1:00 p.m. by Ryan Koresko (related to a good friend). Bring your own lawn chair as there is limited seating on deck and grassy lawn.

Driving choices: Go from your home any way you choose. Or meet up at Office Max, South Park Mall at **noon** to drive out together, leaving at 12:30 p.m. Either choice is fine.

You can order and eat inside or outside – limited simple menu. Wine tasting available in separate area. Other events happening the same day, so come early to get parking and seating.

Hosts: Sandy and Dick Perry, 309-762-6563 or rwppack@aol.com for questions or information.

Saturday August 24

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
Soda Fountain only serves ice cream and popcorn,
no lunch sandwich menu
- Buffalo Bill Cody Homestead

Suggested \$2.00 admission for each location

Please Pack Your Own Picnic Lunch

Model T Manifold Cooker Hot Dogs
will be available in limited quantities

**Meet at West Kimberly Aldi Parking lot at 9:00 AM
Saturday August 24th**

3643 W Kimberly Rd, Davenport, IA 52806



nt to stay on 60th Ave / County Hwy-Y40

nt into Iowa 80 Trucking Museum parking lot
ling Dr, Walcott, IA 52773

nt onto 60th Ave / County Hwy-Y40
0th Ave until it ends at T intersection

nt onto Davenport St / County Hwy-Y42E

to stay on 275th St / County Hwy-Y42E

ns to gravel if you make the wrong turn, stay on the pavement at the
tion

onto 115th Ave / County Hwy-Y52 (north) at stop sign

nt onto 290th St, no stop sign at intersection, cross US 61

at the Don Nagle Pioneer Walnut Village, North parking lot
90th St, Long Grove, IA 52756

onto 290th St (East)

onto 210th Ave at stop sign where road turns to gravel









nt onto 300th St / County Hwy-F33 at stop sign, before road turns to gravel

nt on to S Salina St / County Hwy-F33 at T intersection stop sign

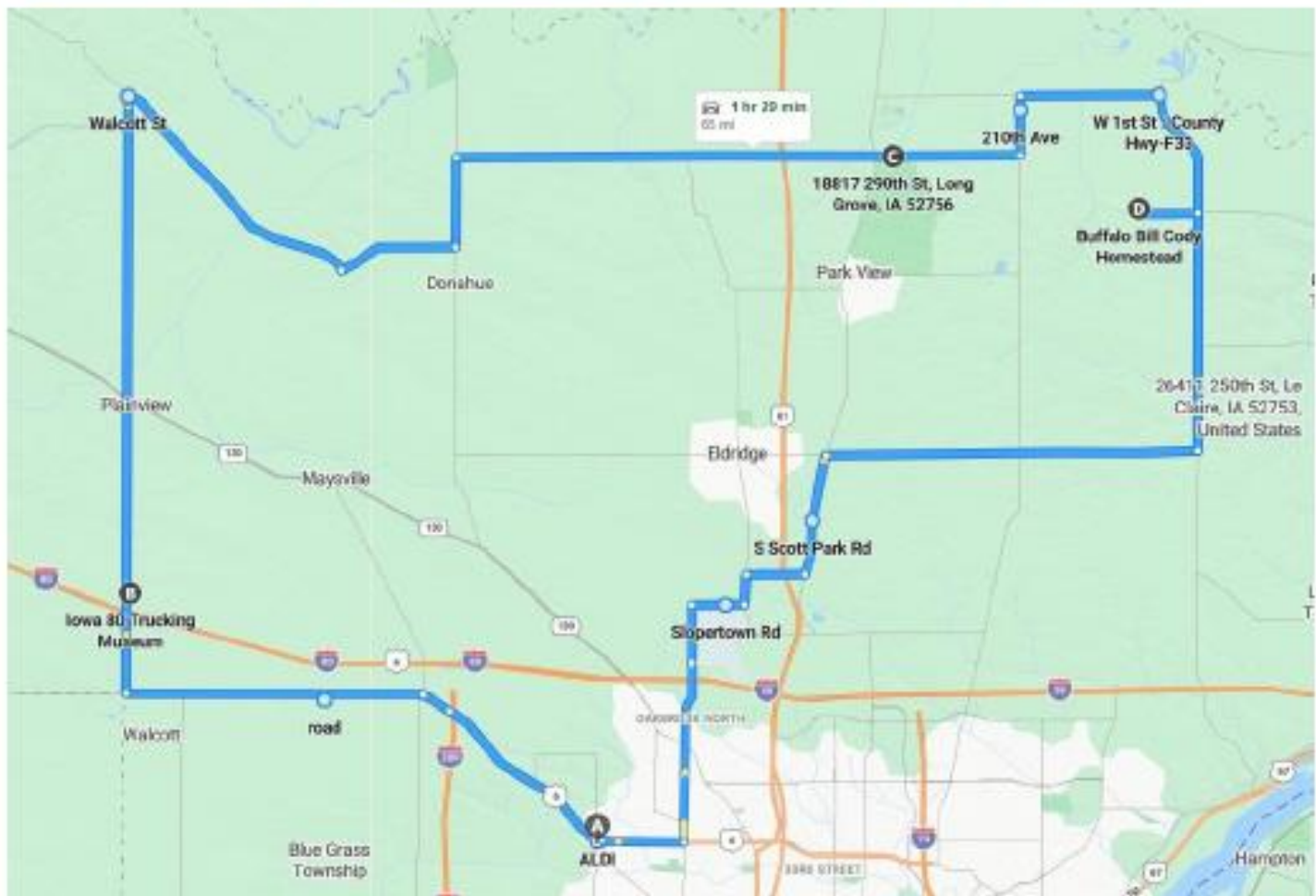
nt onto Bluff Rd at bottom of ridge line

nt at T intersection with 230th Ave

at Buffalo Bill Cody Homestead

	Turn left onto S Scott Park Rd (No Sign at major 4-way intersection, about a quarter mile before US 61 intersection)	2.1 miles
	Turn right onto Blackhawk Trail	1.0 miles
	Turn left onto S 1st St	0.5 miles
	Turn right onto Slopertown Rd	0.9 miles
	Turn left onto 155th Ave (Buttermilk Road)	1.0 miles
	At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit, straight through the circle	394 ft
	Road name changes to N Division St	3.0 miles
	Turn right onto US-6 W / W Kimberly Rd	1.4 miles
	Turn left into the Aldi Parking Lot to finish where we started 3643 W Kimberly Road, Davenport, IA 52806	

Link to Bing Maps route for tour: <https://www.bing.com/maps?osid=249780b1-6438-4065-8e05-212cddc53099&cp=41.674525~-90.600229&lvl=11.751917&pi=0&v=2&sV=2&form=S00027>



Geneseo Trains, Planes and Automobiles Event

September 7th, 2024

Club members wishing to travel and display our cars as a group will meet at Southpark in the Office Max parking lot at 7 and we will depart at 7:10. We will meet Scott Johnson in Geneseo to fill out our entry info so we can drive right in and get parked.

Questions call: John Brewer 563-370-6902

Immediately after the show awards ceremony, Scott and Jennifer will again host our club for an outdoor meal at their home north of Geneseo (25967 Angel Ferry Road). Please bring lawn chairs. There is plenty of room to park on the grass. If you plan to come, please RSVP to Scott by email to scottjohnson309@gmail.com or via call or text to 309-502-1825 so Scott and Jennifer can be sure to have enough food on hand. This year, Scott and Jennifer have invited members of their "other" car club, the Quad Cities British Auto Club to join us, so it will be an opportunity to meet other old car enthusiasts and spread the word about the AACA. Further directions, maps will be provided.

2nd Annual

FYRE LAKE CAR SHOW

Aug. 31st

Swimmers Beach



All Cars Welcome
Free Admission

Contact

Luis Crespo & Chris Brzys
luisjcespo@yahoo.com
708-606-4254

Food, Fun

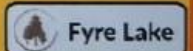
Music, and Overlooking the
Lake!!

Check In: 9am - 10am

Show Time: 10am - 2:30pm

Award Time: 2:30pm

Donations and Proceeds: New Kingdom Trailriders



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

2024 monthly Cruise-Ins Schedule

This is open to all Makes & Models

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

This month's Old Gas Station and narrative was sent in by MVR member Verle Jacobs

Located in Galva, Illinois this station over the years has been a Deep Rock, Kerr McGee, Union 76 and Sinclair. Finally retired from gas station work in about 2010, it is now a private repair shop. The owner said at one time Galva boasted 15 to 17 gas stations operating about same time!

Thanks Verle!



Please have all submissions for the Autograf to the editor by the twelfth of the month.

Thanks, Mark

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