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What a great day for a car tour in late August. Mike Flaherty put together a drive through the back roads of Scott County. The I-80 Truck Museum never tires the eyes. The giants that they preserve are just awesome and deserve a prominent place in the history of our nation. On to the Pioneer Village and to a place that actually remembers how to make a soda. It is a dying art and the young girls have it perfected. Unfortunately, I had to leave before the Cody Homestead, due to ongoing emergency medical problems this time with my sister. Congrats to Mike's two friends who drove their Model T's from outside St. Louis to join us along with the Ford Club and a father and son team who picked up our tour on Facebook. Great Job Mike!

Last Saturday was another perfect day for a car display. Trains, Planes, and Automobiles really put Geneseo, IL on the map. Even though there were grumblings about leaving South Park at 7 a.m., with all the vehicles they stuffed in the small downtown proved a necessity. Geneseo being my home town, it was impressive to see what a small town can do. The Veterans' recognition at noon, the biplane flyovers all day, and of course the vehicles. We were well represented with the Etheridge's Best of Show 2023 on the t-shirts, and this year's Best of Show going to the Brewers. That's the 3rd year in a row that MVR has given them the Best of Show.

I'm writing this column early because hopefully today, Fred is getting his infusion pump disconnected and tomorrow the surgeon will give his stamp of approval for us to travel to Loveland, CO for the AACA Western National Meet. Fred is Chief Judge and is looking forward to getting out to the car community again. The ankle/leg plates and screws were removed so (fingers crossed) this long ordeal will start to become a memory.

Mary B



Mike Flaherty's Cody Road Tour



The morning of Saturday August 22nd was bright and breezy. MVR member Mike Flaherty was ready to greet participants at the start point of his well planned tour.

Fifteen cars carrying 30 people participated, including members of the Quad City Ford Club and two friends of Mike who towed their Model Ts up from Missouri on a flatbed for the event.



Mike created a tour participant coin!



The first stop on the tour was the I-80 Truck Museum in Walcott.





Fun Fact: MVR Member Eric Smith restored 7 of the trucks on display in the museum.





Stop number 2 was at the Pioneer Village. The crew pulled out their picnic lunches while Mike grilled hotdogs on the Model T cook plate





The last stop on the tour was the Cody Homestead where we got to tour the house and admire the scenery.



Fantastic Day.

Great Job
Mike!

The Johnson's Annual Post-Show Picnic

Every year following the Planes Trains and Automobiles show in Geneseo MVR Members Jennifer and Scott Johnson host a meal for club members at their house.

This year the Quad Cities British Car Club was invited as well which brought new faces and cars to the event.

It was a wonderful event. The generosity and hospitality of the Johnson's is greatly appreciated.





Upcoming MVR Events

September 28th Cruise to Prophetstown for a cookout in the State Park .

Meet at 9:45-10:00 for coffee and donuts then depart at 10:45. Upon arrival at P-Town we will have car games followed by lunch. The River View Picnic Area site has modern restrooms.

This tour gathers at Sandstrom Products office located at 218 S. High Street in Port Byron. The office will be open for coffee and donuts. From there we will be traveling on two-lanes to the picnic shelter at the park. The tour route is less than 30 miles one-way. We will be traveling at no more than 40MPH.

October 20th Tour of Pat Mohr's Standard Station at 3549 State Street, Bettendorf IA. We will meet at Mohr's Standard at 10:30 to learn about the three generations that have operated out of this store. Following the tour we will go to Devil's Glen Park for a cookout. RSVP to Mark mplousberg@hotmail.com or Eric Smith 1958els@gmail.com by October 16th.

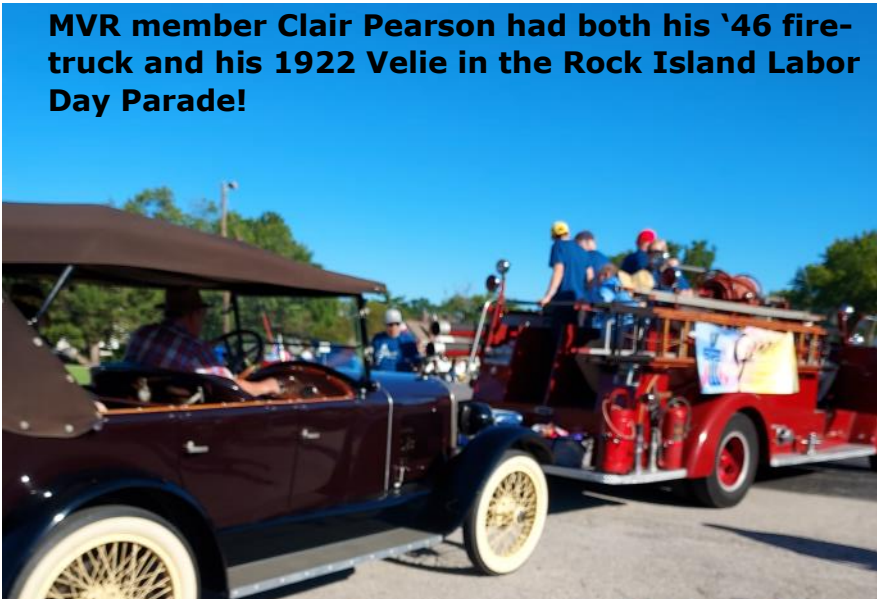
MVR Members Out and About

Five MVR AACA members showed cars at McCausland, IA on Sept 2,2024. Gary Gleason 1957 Oldsmobile, Lou Haas 1956 Chevrolet, Kent Reedy 1934 Ford, Bob Chambers 1955 Ford and Joe Grant with 3 cars 1970 Oldsmobile 442,1962 Chevrolet 409 and 1965 Chevelle SS396. Bob Chambers received a Top 50 award and Joe Grant got 2 Top 50 awards.

Two members showed cars at the Orion Fall Festival Sept 1,2024: Jim Conrad 1975 Nova SS and Stu Etheridge 1925 Willys Knight . Stu won an award in the Antique class.



MVR Members Out and



Photos by Kathy Etheridge



Lost and Found

MVR member Wayne Scherer reports a medium blue canvas, black metal leg fold up chair was left at his house after his birthday party.

MVR members Eric Smith and Josh Kreuder in period dress with Eric's 1928 Studebaker. The event was the 2024 Old Car Festival at Greenfield Village on the Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation grounds



MVR members Jan and John Brewer beside their 1927 Nash Sport Touring Advanced 6 proudly displaying their BEST OF SHOW award received at the 2024 Geneseo Planes, Trains and Automobiles event on September 7th.

This is the third year in a row where a member of the MVR has taken that top award in Geneseo. Let's keep that rolling!



The Brewers didn't rest after Geneseo. The next morning they headed to the Des Moines Concourse where they took a third place with the 32 Auburn.

First place was won by the 1935 SS 1 Air-line (2023 AACA Zenith winner) while second place was a freshly restored 1939 LaSalle .

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 was sent in by MVR member Mike Flaherty.

Mike's grandfather Eldon Fletcher ran the Cities Service station on Ridgeview from 1956 to 1958 making most of his money doing mechanical work.

To the right is how the station appears today.

THANKS MIKE!



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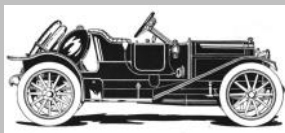
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