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**October 2024**

## President's Column October 2024

What a busy end of September and now early October. The drive in September was a great time. The weather: perfect. The food: great; and the round of Car Games that Frank made me drive for: lots of fun. Mark Lousberg and committee had everything planned to the minute. Driving through the countryside was a pure pleasure. I had not been to Prophetstown for a very long time and it is a great small city on the river. Turnout was a great with only a few of us driving modern. Nine more years and the poor SS will be an antique. Thanks to Mark and entourage for a great day.

Today I'm writing this from Hershey, PA. The Fall Meet has just concluded and what a meet it was. The weather cooperated all week just beautifully. I don't remember one fall meet without rain. The flea market was buzzing. Treasures were found that we weren't even looking for. We were lucky enough to have a golf cart for the week so Fred wouldn't have to use his scooter. Glad to see the Perry's, Eric Smith said he sold everything he brought, and I know the Etheridge's were about, but did not run into them. We left the Quad Cities on Sunday so I could make my Board of Directors Meeting in Hershey on Monday late afternoon. Tuesday, we started the hunt. Wednesday someone told us of a Fiero deck lid and of course we had to check it out. It had a price of \$30 crossed out, \$20 crossed out, \$10 crossed out, then FREE! Turns out it was a rare 88 undrilled deck lid and, so I'm told, worth a bit of cash. Did not fit well on the golf cart. Good thing we were driving a pick up and his mom was still able to maneuver it in and tie it down. Thursday was filled with meetings and judging schools, which got us to Friday where 945 gorgeous vehicles pulled onto the show grounds. With the weather absolutely perfect they glistened brightly in the sun light. Fred had 160 HPOF (Historic Preservation of Original Features) vehicles to evaluate and I was in administration. Hershey is a great time. For Fred and I, it's time to spend with old friends and the thoughts of seeing something new every time we go. The truck smells like chocolate since we had to go to Chocolate World before we left and we are pooped. Looks like they have talked us into going to the last meet of the year in Alabama in two weeks.

See you soon!

Mary B



# Upcoming MVR Events

**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 am 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](mailto:mplousberg@hotmail.com) or Eric Smith [1958els@gmail.com](mailto:1958els@gmail.com) by October 16th.

**November 9th.** MVR Banquet Riverfront Grill 4619 34th St. Rock Island IL. 5-9PM See the reservations form on the following page in this month's Autograf

In case you haven't heard, **Great Race** will be heading through the Quad Cities in 2025!

... See more

**2025 GREAT RACE ROUTE**  
June 21-29, 2025

Starts At The Iconic Back To The Fifties Weekend In Minnesota To Lake Murray In South Carolina!

<b>SATURDAY, JUNE 21</b> START: St. Paul, MN OVERNIGHT: Rochester, MN	<b>TUESDAY, JUNE 24</b> LUNCH: Effingham, IL OVERNIGHT: Owensboro, KY	<b>FRIDAY, JUNE 27</b> LUNCH: Lewisburg, WV OVERNIGHT: Roanoke, VA
<b>SUNDAY, JUNE 22</b> LUNCH: Waterloo, IA OVERNIGHT: Moline, IL	<b>WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25</b> LUNCH: Elizabethtown, KY OVERNIGHT: Frankfort, KY	<b>SATURDAY, JUNE 28</b> LUNCH: Galax, VA OVERNIGHT: Mooresville, NC
<b>MONDAY, JUNE 23</b> LUNCH: Pontiac, IL OVERNIGHT: Springfield, IL	<b>THURSDAY, JUNE 26</b> LUNCH: Ashland, KY OVERNIGHT: Charleston, WV	<b>SUNDAY, JUNE 29</b> FINISH: Lake Murray, SC

## **2025 MVR Dues are due.**

They can be paid with reservations for the Banquet. The following members have paid ahead and do not need to send dues for 2025:

James Hitch	Joint
Paul Inman	Single
Verle Jacobs	Joint
Ed Leahy	Joint
Jim Smith	Joint
Craig Sommers	Joint

*And our free membership WINNERS during Christmas in July,*

Jan and Otto Patting  
Stu and Kathy Etheridge

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# 2024 MVR AACA Club End of Year Banquet

**We want your input on any changes you would like to see in your club that will lead to more participation and membership. This is YOUR club and we all have to take a role in maintaining its future.**

**So please plan on attending, you can't beat the prime rib dinner cost, and we will have open discussion of ideas. Please bring items you can do without for our live auction!!!**

**National Dues are \$45.00 and you can renew the old way by sending in the card that was included in the September edition of The Autograf, or now you can renew online with your member and pin number.**

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## Banquet at Riverfront Grill 4619 34<sup>th</sup> St. Rock Island IL

Main Banquet Room Overlooking the Rock River, Saturday November 9th, 2024 5:00 to 9:00 pm

*Prime Rib, Baked Chicken, a Vegetable, a Potato, 3 Salads,*

*Roll and Butter, Coffee, Tea, Lemonade and Desert*

Member: \$10.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Guest: \$29.50 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## 2025 MVR Membership Dues:

**Local Membership Dues: (due by Jan.1)**      Single \$14.00    Couple \$ 18.00      = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Member Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Current E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please return Dues and Reservation on or before November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Make check out to MVR AACA and send above to: Gary Gleason

123 Short St.

Bettendorf, IA 52722

# 2024 MVR Elections

At the January 2024 board meeting the current election process and cost was discussed. Of the 120 ballots and envelopes mailed out postage paid last year only 32 were returned.

One lower cost procedure that was motioned and passed was to implement a trial for 2024 where a ballot box would be available at the Annual Banquet with everyone present given a ballot. *Note: In 2024 we had 52 attend the banquet.*

In the October Autograf it will be noted that if you wish to vote but are not attending the Banquet you can request an absentee ballot. It will be 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.

Since we do not have a secretary currently in place, please place request for ballots with Gary Gleason 563-386-4649 [ggleason@aol.com](mailto:ggleason@aol.com)



# MVR Members Out and About

## PORCH PARTY!

*The Annual Deere-Wyman Porch Party landed on September 15th this year. It was a sunny warm day that brought out eight MVR members to show their cars and support the event.*









# P-TOWN CRUISE!

On September 28th, twenty-seven MVR members gathered in Port Byron for coffee and donuts before caravanning thirty miles to Prophetstown State Park for car games and a cookout.











The car game was simple fun for a driver and passenger.

A course was laid out with four baskets spaced evenly apart. The object was to shoot baskets from a moving car.

Contestants were given four balls and set up at the starting line. When given the signal to go, the time began.

Several MVR members ran the course more than once. The final winners were the team of Frank Bandi and Mary Bartemeyer.





While the car games were taking place the ribeye steaks were being cooked for the sandwiches.

Several members brought dishes to share which was greatly appreciated



The car games winner received a pristine 1960 Phillips 66 State of Kansas road map. Here they are discussing the direction of their next trip.



# MVR Members Out and About

(continued) Blackhawk College Show  
September 29th.



*Jim Conrad 1975 Nova*



*Tony Drain 1964 GTO*



*1932 Ford Steve LeMaster*



*Joe Grant 1965 Chevelle*

**Photos by Gary Gleason**



# MVR Members Out and About

(continued) Dixon, Iowa.

September 28th.

Photos and story by Gary Gleason



5 MVRAACA members showed cars at the car show in Dixon, IA on Sept 28th. John Brewer 1932 Auburn received Top 125 Award, Kent Reedy 1934 Ford received Top 125 Award, Bob Chambers 1955 Ford received Top 125 Award, Gary Gleason 1957 Oldsmobile received Top 125 Award and Dave Huff 1978 Oldsmobile Cutlass. I have not heard from Dave if he won a Top 125. Several other non-modified cars won Top 125 Awards. This shows that our non-modified cars are noticed and appreciated at the car shows.



# MVR Members Out and About

(continued) Davenport, Iowa.

October 6th.

Photos and story by John Brewer

The Putnam Museum in Davenport held an event to highlight the local history and lore of the Looney Family who were Rock Island based gangsters in the 1920s. As part of the setting for the event, the museum reached out to the MVR to have era vehicles on display. Members John & Jan Brewer brought their 1928 Nash while members Claire & Carol Pearson displayed their 1922 Velie.

John reports that the cars made a great addition to the event with many people having their photographs taken alongside the vehicles.



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## Film Screening & Discussion





# 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

In 1989, Ty and Ann Cutkomp, of Davenport, bought the former Standard Oil Service station at 112 South College Avenue, Aledo. The station had been operated by Gerald Fell in downtown Aledo for many years.

Their plan is to restore station to a 1949 era appearance. White paint was removed which exposed the two tone tan original brick exterior. Ty has been collecting gas pumps and other Standard Oil accessories to complete the job.

Work has been done on the two roofs, HVAC, electrical and plumbing in the gas station and service bay building.

Photos and story by MVR member Craig Sommers

*A partial source for information on this story was from WRMJ radio in Aledo.*





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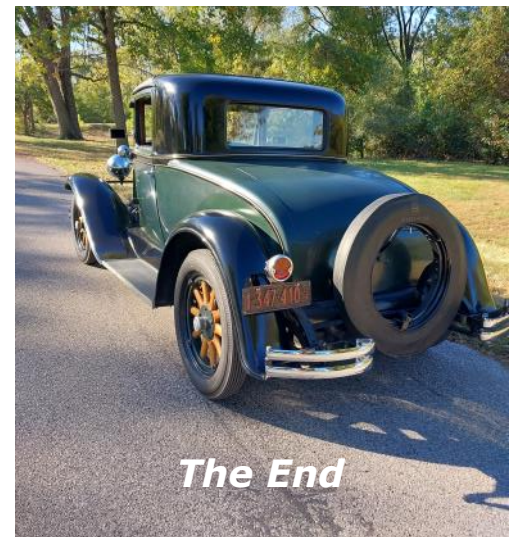
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