



# The Autograf.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2-2025 Notes of Interest

I would like to thank Mike Flaherty for heading up the AACA's exposure in the Hot Rod Show! Mike had the club table set up with membership info arranged along with cars from Morrisey, Smith, Grant and Brewer. Mike also signed up at least 3 new members! It was a well-attended event with Saturday at standing room only. Special thanks to Jim Conrad who was always around the club's display answering questions. Awards for the TOP 25 cars went to our club members LeMaster, Nalevanko, Strausse, Grant and Brewer.

For February we have the Show and Tell on Saturday the 15th so please bring anything, and it does not have to be car related. See info in January's Autograf.

Your board members are working hard on monthly events and more! Some new events are in the works including Antique Drag Races at Cordova and Antique Hill Climbs. In the teens and twenties, we had many local car manufacturers involved in Hill Climbs in at least Moline and Davenport. Davenport was run on Brady when it was still a dirt hill!!!! Mike Flaherty has been researching these in the area and compiling the info. Preliminary planning is ongoing, and this may lead to a yearly club event.

Don't be shy about contacting any of your board members with comments, ideas or offers to help. Please look to the great work of Mark Lousberg and the Autograf for all detailed information on what club members have done and what to look forward to in the future.

For March we will have a DRIVE and VISIT event on Saturday the 29th which will purportedly be a nice warm day to get the cars out! Details will be out in the March Autograf. The event will include a drive and visit of the Dahl and Klemme collections, and will finish at Rob Wolfe's antique car and automobile memorabilia collection.

I am encouraged today with the snow fall that the 1928 Nash will soon be out on the country roads, once we get at least 6 inches! Chains are on and it is ready!

Thanks, John



MVR Region AACA  
Monthly Board Meeting  
January 8, 2025

**Call to order:** 7PM

**Attendance:**

**Officers**

President: John Brewer

Vice President: Scott Johnson

Treasurers: Kathy Etheridge

Secretary: Clair Pearson

**Board Members**

Jan Brewer

Stu Etheridge

Michael Flaherty

Justin Landwehr

Mark Lousberg

Eric Smith

**Minutes of Past Meeting:** Approved

**Treasurer's Report:** Gary will send it by email

**Other Reports**

**Membership:** 75 members paid to date

**Old Business**

December banquet had 55-60 attendees

February's Meeting will be by emails as needed

**New Business**

Bank accounts will be transferred to the new officers

Outreach efforts: QC New car show the last of February

The Great Race this summer

Other clubs: British-80 members, Ford-30 members

**Other:**

Cedar Rapids swap meet

Tentative schedule for monthly events

January: Rod and Custom Show-Mike F.

February: Show and Tell-Jan B.

March: Drive and visit to Rob Wolf's place in Davenport-John B. 3/29/25

April: Show at Silvis Rail Yard - Justin L.

May : Drive to Fulton Windmill- Kathy and Stu E.

June: Pancake Breakfast- Clair P, John B. and other board members

July: Eric S.

August: Drive to Coralville Museum- Mike F.

September: Planes, Trains and Autos followed by dinner- Scott J.

October: Mark L.

Meeting ended at 8:05 PM

# UPCOMING MVR EVENTS

## FEBRUARY

Show and Tell, February 15th, Saturday at 11:30 a.m.

Hickory Garden Restaurant

3311 Hickory Grove Rd, Davenport

We will be ordering from the menu.

Please bring along and share something that is special, interesting, or just fun to share. It does not have to be car related as we all have other interests and hobbies. Hope to see a nice turnout and a enjoy a delicious lunch in the warmth of friendship!

Any questions, call Jan Brewer 563-340-8516.

## FEBRUARY 28—March 2

Quad Cities Auto Show at the Bend XPO. The MVR will have five member's cars on display amongst the new cars.

## MARCH

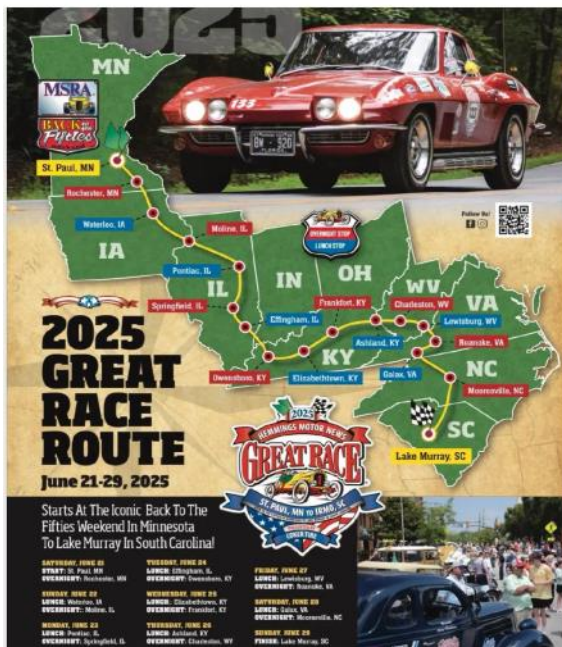
DRIVE and VISIT event on Saturday the 29th. See the president's letter for details.

## APRIL

The club will host a joint show with the Railroad Heritage of the Midwest museum at the old Rock Island Lines shop in Silvis, IL. The event is Saturday the 26th. More information to follow.

In case you haven't heard, [Great Race](#) will be heading through the Quad Cities in 2025!

... See more



The image features a promotional graphic for the 2025 Great Race. On the left, a red classic car is shown. To its right is a map of the United States highlighting the race route through the Midwest and South. The route starts in St. Paul, MN and ends at Lake Murray, SC. The map includes state abbreviations (MN, IA, IL, IN, OH, WV, VA, NC, SC) and city names. Below the map, the text reads "2025 GREAT RACE ROUTE June 21-29, 2025". At the bottom, there is a schedule of events for each day of the race, including dates, locations, and times.

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

DAY	DATE	LOCATION
SATURDAY	JUNE 21	ST. PAUL, MN
SUNDAY	JUNE 22	ROCHESTER, MN
MONDAY	JUNE 23	WATERLOO, IA
TUESDAY	JUNE 24	SPRINGFIELD, IL
WEDNESDAY	JUNE 25	QUAD CITIES, IA
THURSDAY	JUNE 26	QUAD CITIES, IA
FRIDAY	JUNE 27	QUAD CITIES, IA
SATURDAY	JUNE 28	QUAD CITIES, IA
SUNDAY	JUNE 29	LAKE MURRAY, SC





January brings about the annual **Rod and Custom Show** at the XPO in East Moline. The MVR has a long standing history of participating in the event and this year was no different.

Club members John Brewer, Eric Smith, Joe Grant, and Jeff & Julie Morrisey dug their cars out of Winter storage for the show giving the MVR booth a significant presence.

Club member Mike Flaherty was the club host manning the booth for nearly the whole show. Mike reports we signed up three new members during the event!



*Four club member's cars were voted into the top twenty of the vehicles displayed. Congratulations to Steve Lemaister, John Brewer, Ron Nalevanko and Joe Grant!*





## MVR Members Out and About

The Mississippi Valley Region Autograt's "man on the scene" Jim Conrad has the following report;

On Sunday January 26, 2025, at the Veterans'/QCCA car show, Bob Chambers' 1956 Mercury won "Best of Show".

CONGRATULATIONS BOB!



*Photos by John Darby*

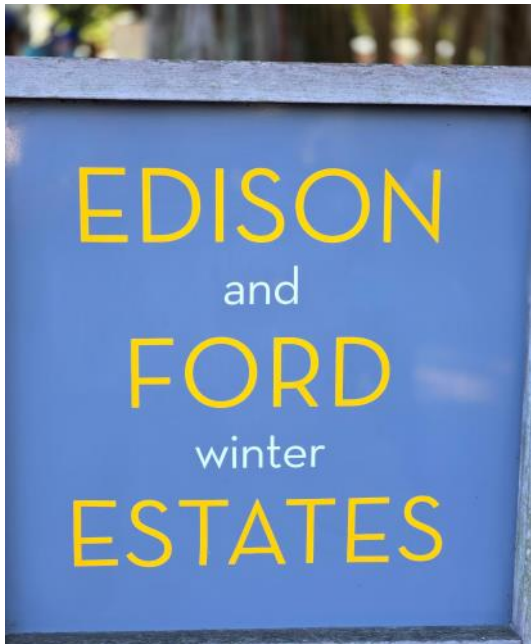




## MVR Members Out and About, (continued)

MVR member Clair Pearson reports from the FORD ONLY SHOW in Florida at the Ford-Edison Estates in Fort Meyers.

There were almost 100 cars on display with nearly 20 being Thunderbirds



## Summer's End

Long time member John Resetich passed away at the age of 95.  
John joined the MVR-AACA in 1962.

## New Member Spotlight

MVR Members, Please welcome,

-Bill Carv of Bettendorf

-Chris Boyens and Susan Curry-Boyens of Durant.  
They own a 1917 Velie Model 28.

## 49 Chevrolet Parts Looking for a Good Home.

A friend contacted me after selling his father's 49 Chevrolet and asked if anyone in the club needed parts. He specified these parts are FREE to a MVR club member.

Cylinder Head, (bare)

3-Speed Transmission

Rear Axle, Torque Tube and Gear Set

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Contact Mark if you can use these parts.

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## 2026 Midwest Tour

The Mississippi Valley Region is planning on hosting a DIVISIONAL Tour in 2026. Touring is a great way to bring National members to our region to enjoy our vehicles without the stress of setting up a show.

Divisional Tours are three day events designed to draw more AACA members into touring as the hosting club can establish almost any criteria for their tour. The MVR has opted to have our tour open to all years of AACA eligible vehicles. We will have three days of touring with the first two days offering different routes to tour broken down by vehicle age. The last tour day will encompass the entire group.

We are in the early planning stages of the event and are seeking club members to volunteer in the planning. We will need members to fill the following tour positions,

- Registration
- Finance
- Routes and Events
- Meals





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