



# The Autograf.

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**March 2025**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

3-2025 Notes of Interest

I would like to thank Mark Lousberg for coordinating The Club's display at The Quad Cities Auto Show at The Bend Expo. Cars on display were Larry Tschappat's 1964 Shelby AC Cobra, Vicki Graves' 1929 Velie, Jim Davies' 1963 Corvette, Glenn Thede's 1965 Shelby GT350 and Mark Lousberg's 1929 Nash Coupe. Mark reported that many times he witnessed a standing room only crowd around our cars. Thanks to all for displaying the vehicle offerings this year and in years past!

For March we have our first opportunity to get the cars out from their rest! This will be on March 29th starting at the Dahl Old Car Home in Davenport. Our hosts will be interested in seeing your rides so let's get them out. We will be visiting 3 collections. Look to see all the details in your Autograf.

Plans are continuing with Mike Flaherty taking the lead on the Antique Car Hill Climb scheduled for this fall. Mike has been getting info from other hill climb events held across the country and coordinating with city officials.

As a reminder, the board meets the first Tuesday of the month and any member is welcome at any time.

It was a very disappointing heavy snow year! Time to take the chains off the Nash.

Thanks, John



# ***MVR Drive & Visit Tour***

## March 29 Saturday

10:00 Meet at the Dahl Old Car Home at 5215 Grand Ave, Davenport (East of Brady, South of 53<sup>rd</sup>). We will be there for about an hour with Al Longmire who keeps all the cars in top shape, ready to go at any time.

Then we will leave as a group on a drive thru the Village of East Davenport and end up at the Klemme Collection. We will be there for about an hour with Kraig Klemme in the old Firestone Building. (Pershing and 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Dav.)

From there we will caravan to Rob Wolfe's (American Pickers) collection of antique cars. There we will view several of Rob's antique vehicles, and there will be a vendor there selling hot dogs. Chips and lemonade will be furnished. (5<sup>th</sup> St. West of Brady, Dav.) Parking east and west of his building.

Time to get the old cars out for this first drive! Our hosts are interested in seeing our rides. Please stay as a group so we arrive when our hosts expect us.

**Note: The Quad Cities Ford Club has invited us to join them for Breakfast at the Cracker Barrel at 8:30 on Brady Street in Davenport before meeting at Dahl.**

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MVR Region AACA  
Monthly Board Meeting  
March 4, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Attendance.**

President: John Brewer  
Vice Pres: Scott Johnson  
Treasurer: Kathy Etheridge.  
Secretary: Clair Pearson

**Board Members**

Jan Brewer	Stu Etheridge
Michael Flaherty.	Justin Landwehr
Mark Lousberg.	Eric Smith

**Minutes** for January were approved and there are no minutes for February because we didn't have an "in person" meeting. Minutes for March are reported by Jan Brewer in Clair Pearson's absence.

**Treasurer's** report was given and will be filed for future audit.

Nothing new for **Sunshine, Webmaster or Historian.**

**Membership:** Several new members were voted on and approved for membership. We welcome Thomas & Carol Kirkpatrick, Bill Carr, and Chris & Susan Boyles.

**Old Business:** We had an average turn out for Show & Tell. Bank accounts were updated with the current treasurer. Scott Johnson set up a board member email link for better communication. Volunteers are needed for the 2026 AACA Tour. Four cars were displayed at the New Car Auto Show.

**New Business:** An antique Hill Climb is in the works for this fall in Fejervary Park. A motion was made and passed to pay \$90 for the pavilions for the hill climb. Volunteers will be needed. A few members are going to visit the Aledo High School to see if there can be some beneficial involvement in their after school auto mechanics class. Ford and British car clubs are invited to our March event.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02

Submitted by: Jan Brewer

## Notes from the Annual Convention 2025

The Annual Convention for the AACA was held in Charlette, North Carolina this year. It is a three-day event that focuses on the purpose, future, and awards for many of the best antique autos displayed in the year of 2024. As a member of the Board of Directors, I attend the Board Meeting on Wednesday and then enjoy the festivities the rest of the time. It is a great time and one where you get to know the members of AACA without the hustle and bustle of getting cars on the show field or the tension of judging. Relaxing and just enjoying the hobby is the topic of the day.

On Thursday, tours were offered to the Hendricks Motorsport Headquarters. The racing museum and gift shop are open to the public daily, but special arrangements were made to tour the private collection of Mr. Hendricks', and what a collection it was; based on the life of his family from his father's auto repair shop, to meeting, courting, and marrying his wife, all with an automotive beginning. From the early hot rods that his dad helped him design and build, to the Corvette that he dated his wife in, all provide the basis of his collection start. I have never seen so many Corvettes from 1953 to now, buying the first production 'Vette off the line **each** year from General Motors. All were meticulously restored by his personal shop on the grounds. Finding the need for speed and automotive design, his collection has progressed to every make of super rare high-performance vehicles. Awesome is the only word I can come up with. No photos were allowed and each group was guided by a docent who answered questions and kept a tight reign on our tour. Along with the autos, he also collects signed guitars. Everyone from Taylor Swift to Johnny Cash had one on display. After your heart rate slowed that day, there was a "Meet your Directors" reception and dinner.

Friday brings seminar attendance for me; Fred had a Judges Committee Meeting being the VP of the Original Class formerly HPOF (Historic Preservation of Original Features). I attended one put on by SEMA (Specialty Equipment Market Association). Although it supports the future of the automotive industry, it also has a branch that monitors legislation in the US that would hamper our hobby and the auto industry. Sign up on [www.SEMA.org](http://www.SEMA.org) to get updates. Lunch had Lynn St. James as a speaker regarding her time racing the Indy Car Circuit and the 500. Good talk that should be given to the young ladies that enjoy automobiles. My afternoon seminar was on how to navigate the various aspects of buying and selling autos through auction houses.

Saturday was 2025 Judging School in the morning and the National Meeting in the afternoon with introduction of the new officers.

It was a great time and wonderful weather for us to drive in. 74 degrees was hard to leave but we made it back home before the ensuing storms. The Region used to send the current President to the Convention, but since I was elected to the Board there was no need. Perhaps that would be a good practice to get back to.

Mary B

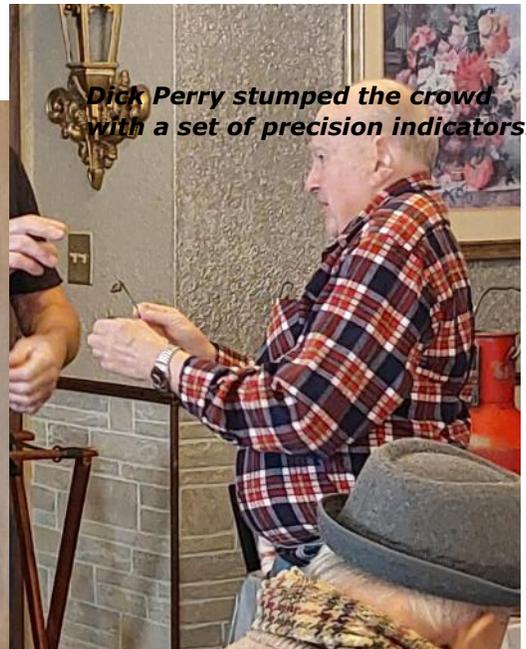
# 2025 MVR Show and Tell



*Jan Brewer shows a collection of vintage postcards.*



*Bill Carv shows off the trophy his son won at the go-cart race in Rock Island*



*Dick Perry stumped the crowd with a set of precision indicators.*



*Mike Flaherty shows a vintage cold war nuclear bomb radiation escape map*



**Sandy Perry had brought a patchwork art piece featuring a car. This was sewn by Dick's sister.**

**She also showed off a period coat, hat and hand warmer all made from curly lamb**



**Kathy and Stu weave mats with their church group. The mats are made from plastic shopping bags as the material is durable and water resistant. The mats are then donated to the homeless.**

*This calibrated measuring tank is used to verify fuel station pump accuracy*



*Eric Smith brought two vintage radiator cap mascots*



*An early foot warmer used in carriages intrigues the group*



*John explained the process for die presses he made*



# 2025 Quad Cities Auto Show

Many thanks to the following club members for bringing out their cars and representing the MVR & AACA in the event:

Larry Tschappat, 1964 Shelby AC Cobra

Vicki Graves, 1929 Velie

Jim Davies, 1963 Corvette

Glenn Thede , 1965 Shelby GT350



Saturday I worked our area for several hours as did Larry Tschappat, his wife Jane and Jim Davies. We had strong crowds looking at "the most interesting cars in the show".

-Mark

# UPCOMING MVR EVENTS

## MARCH

DRIVE and VISIT event on Saturday the 29th. See page 2 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 entitled Silvis Train Days And Classic Cars. The event runs 4/25 and 4/26. Our participation at the event is Saturday the 26th.

The event is being heavily promoted on railroad sites and local media. The club is excited to be part of this as it will bring significant recognition opportunity to the MVR.

Entrance to the event is free to those members bringing a car. Otherwise there is a \$5.00 donation for entry. Please reach out to MVR Board Member Justin Landwehr with your intent to bring a vehicle. Should rain be in the forecast, Justin will have to limit our support to ten vehicles which will be staged inside the shop prior to the expected weather.

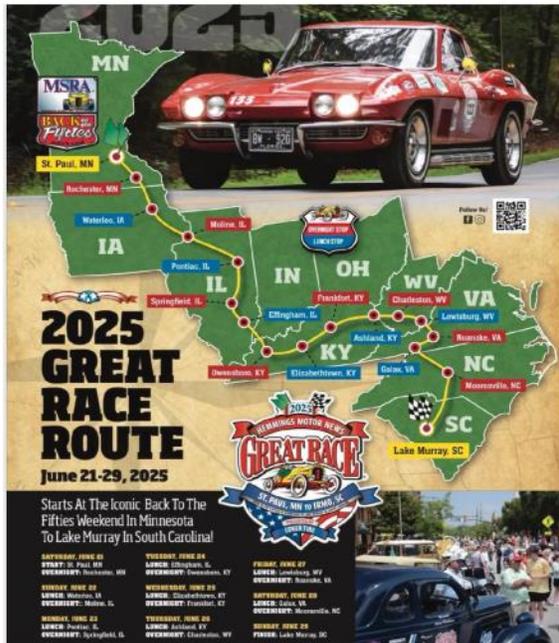
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In case you haven't heard, [Great Race](#) will be heading through the Quad Cities in 2025!

... See more



The image is a promotional graphic for the 2025 Great Race. It features a map of the United States with a route highlighted in red and yellow, starting in Minnesota and ending in South Carolina. The route passes through several states: MN, IA, IL, IN, OH, WV, VA, KY, NC, and SC. Key locations marked on the map include St. Paul, MN; Rochester, MN; Waterloo, IA; Pontiac, IL; Springfield, IL; Chicago, IL; Frankfort, KY; Charleston, WV; Lincolnton, WV; Roanoke, VA; Newmarket, KY; Elizabethtown, KY; Danville, VA; and Lake Murray, SC. A red classic car is shown in the top left, and a blue classic car is shown in the bottom right. The text "2025 GREAT RACE ROUTE" is prominently displayed in the bottom left, along with the dates "June 21-29, 2025". A QR code is located in the top right of the map area. The graphic also includes the MSRA logo and the text "Starts At The Iconic Back To The Fifties Weekend In Minnesota To Lake Murray In South Carolina".

**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> STARTS IN: ST. PAUL, MN OVERNIGHT: Rochester, MN	<b>TUESDAY, JUNE 24</b> LUNCH: CHICAGO, IL OVERNIGHT: Frankfort, KY	<b>FRIDAY, JUNE 27</b> LUNCH: Lincolnton, WV OVERNIGHT: Roanoke, VA
<b>SUNDAY, JUNE 22</b> LUNCH: Waterloo, IA OVERNIGHT: Frankfort, KY	<b>WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25</b> LUNCH: Elizabethtown, KY OVERNIGHT: Frankfort, KY	<b>SATURDAY, JUNE 28</b> LUNCH: Danville, VA OVERNIGHT: Roanoke, VA
<b>MONDAY, JUNE 23</b> LUNCH: Pontiac, IL OVERNIGHT: Springfield, IL	<b>THURSDAY, JUNE 26</b> LUNCH: Frankfort, KY OVERNIGHT: Charleston, WV	<b>SUNDAY, JUNE 29</b> FINISH: Lake Murray, SC

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**SATURDAY  
APRIL 26**

- **Steam & Diesel Train Rides**
- **RR Speeder Rides**
- **Classic Car Show**
- **Model Trains**
- **Food Trucks**
- **...and more!**

## **New Member Spotlight**

*MVR Members, Please welcome*

*Thomas and Carol Kirkpatrick of Hills, Iowa.*

*They are the proud owners of these original vehicles:*

-1938 Buick Special Coupe

-1959 Corvette

-1966 Chevy II SS

-1970 Chevy C-10

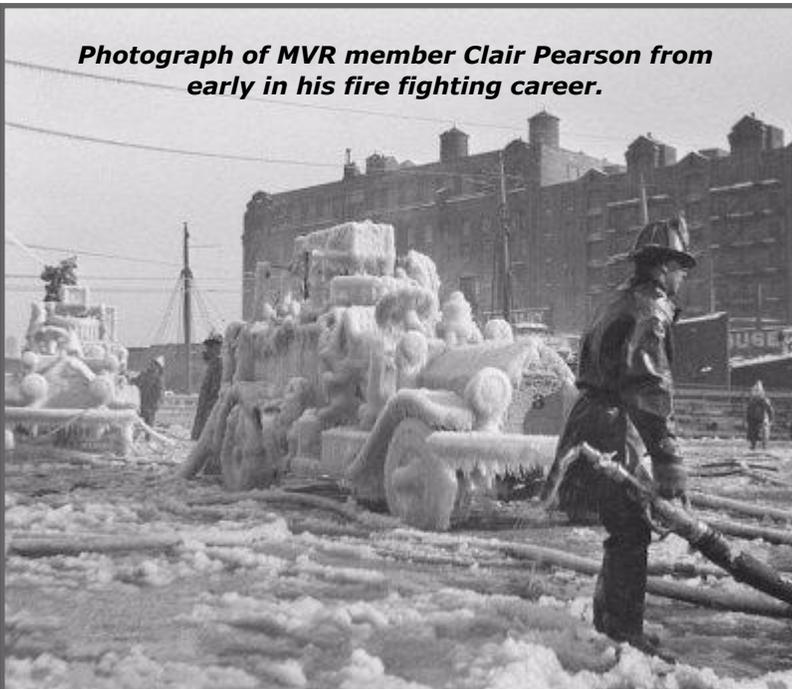
*And these hot rods:*

-1932 Ford 5 Window Coupe

-1937 Chevrolet Coupe

-1937 Chevrolet Sedan

**Photograph of MVR member Clair Pearson from early in his fire fighting career.**



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## Hill Climb Historical Information from Mike Flaherty

Checking with the research librarians at the Davenport and Moline Public Libraries, I have been able to find four Hill Climb events that took place in the Quad Cities between 1906 and 1912.

- 1) Brady Street Hill Climb sponsored by the Davenport Automobile Club July 30th, 1906
- 2) Rock Island Street Hill Climb (before the street was renamed to Pershing) by the Davenport Automobile Club July 4th, 1911
- 3) Rock Island Street Hill Climb (before the street was renamed to Pershing) by the Davenport Automobile Club July 4th, 1912
- 4) 16th Street Hill Climb in Moline Labor Day, 1912

The first hill climb was put on by the Davenport Automobile Club Monday July 30th, 1906. The event was won by a White Steamer that climbed Brady Street hill between 5th and 9th streets in 32 seconds. They raced in 3 classes, with one, two and four-cylinder cars. The White steam car was put in the 4-cylinder gasoline car category, probably based on the price of the car and the power of its boiler. The White raced with over 200 lbs. of accessory equipment and still out performed the gas-powered Pope-Hartford. A Moline brand automobile raced in the 4-cylinder class but didn't win, it took 43 seconds to climb Brady Street. The fastest gasoline car was a Pope-Hartford that climbed the quarter mile length hill in 32.15 seconds, but the win was contested because the Pope-Hartford raced without headlamps, to save weight. Side bets as much as \$300.00 were placed on the race (about \$10,000 in today's money). A Colt automobile crashed on the hill and the owner complained that the hill should have been graded before the race. When did Brady Street get paved? I never thought of it as a dirt road? Anyway, as a result of crash they changed the course for the next hill climb. A modern Model S Tesla can drive a quarter mile in 8.56 seconds, but in 1906 a 32 second quarter mile was blindingly fast. Spectators mentioned that they couldn't see the fenders on the White as it raced by in a blur.

On July 4th, 1911, the next Davenport Hill Climb shows up in the newspaper. They moved the race to Rock Island Street Hill from the old Brady street location. Between 5th and 10th streets on what is now Pershing Street (prior to Rock Island street being renamed in honor of the WW1 General in 1918). The cars started at 3rd street, so they could get a flying start on the hill course. The top prize was \$150.00. They used local police to guard the closed side streets. The local automobile brands that entered the hill climb were Velie, Midland, and Meteor. The local car dealer, J C Petersen won the race in 17.45 seconds in a Pope-Hartford. Almost twice as fast as the 1906 winning entry. They had 7 different classes of automobiles, based on size and horsepower. I don't know if they raced with or without passengers. Some of the older hill climbs required cars to carry 4 passengers on the hill climbs.

The event was also raced on Rock Island Street hill for the July 4th 1912 run, but no local automobile manufacturers entered cars in the event. The races were held at 8 AM to 11 AM to avoid the heat of the summer. J C Petersen was unable to beat his time from 1911, but still won the hill climb for the luxury cars with an 18 second win again in a Pope-Hartford. A pair of Cadillacs were able to climb the quarter mile hill in 21 seconds.

A newspaper article in 1913 announces that the Davenport Automobile Club was not sponsoring another July 4th hill climb due to lack of interest and other vacation plans for the holiday date. Hill climbing events fell out of favor as cars became more powerful and reliable.

The last hill climb locally was a race held on Labor Day 1912 in Moline. There were 30 cars entered and the fastest car, a Velie, covered the 3 blocks from 8th and 11th avenues up 16th street in 15 seconds, but they had running starts from 6th street to make speed.

# 16TH STREET NAMED FOR THE HILL CLIMB

Tentative Plans for Labor Day  
Auto Races Are Ar-  
ranged

FIRST CAR STARTS AT 8

Two Hours Will Be Required to Com-  
plete Program—Eight Events  
Scheduled.

Sixteenth street today was desig-  
nated as the hill on which the first  
automobile hill climb scheduled for  
this city shall be staged. The spec-  
tacular event is set for the forenoon  
of Labor day, Monday, September 2,  
and the first car will be sent away at  
8 a. m.

The hill climb will be staged under  
auspices of the Davenport Automobile  
club, and members of that organiza-  
tion will be eligible to compete. Many  
Moline auto enthusiasts, however,  
have membership in this organization.  
Aim of the contest is to awaken in-  
terest on this side of the river, to the  
end that the Iowa club may grow into  
the Tri-City Automobile club. From  
Sixth to Eleventh avenue will be re-  
served for the contests, which will  
require two hours for running.

## Eight Events Planned.

Eight events are to be arranged,  
according to tentative plans. The  
two feature climbs will be the free-  
for-all for factory equipped cars and  
the free-for-all or stripped cars. For  
the stripped car event there will be  
a cup for first place, also sixty five  
percent of the entrance money. Sec-  
ond place will net the winner thirty-  
five percent of entrance fees for the  
event. A \$100 cup presented by C. I.  
Josephson goes to the winner of the  
free for all for factory equipped cars  
and it may be retained for a year.  
To secure permanent possession of  
the cup it is necessary to win the  
event three successive years.

Published August 17th, 1912

## HILL CLIMB PRIZES ARE MADE PUBLIC

Expect More Than 50 Autos to  
Start in Events Here  
Labor Day.

7 CUPS WILL BE AWARDED

Also a Number of Valuable Merchan-  
dise Prizes—Peter Petersen Will  
Drive His Car.

P. C. Petersen and Louis G. DeAr-  
mand, assistant secretary of the Davenport Automobile club, under whose  
auspices the Sixteenth street hill  
climb will be staged Labor day, com-  
pleted their canvass of Moline yester-  
day afternoon and a complete list of  
donators of cups and merchandise  
prizes is made. Eight events are  
scheduled and it is expected that more  
than fifty cars will start. The first  
event will be at 8 a. m., and the con-  
test will end in time for the Labor  
day parade.

Mr. DeArmand reports that the cups  
are the finest and most artistic ever  
offered for a similar event in the tri-  
cities, while the merchandise prizes  
are more valuable and useful than or-  
dinarly are given. A cup will be given  
as first prize in each event, with a  
merchandise prize as second. In the  
money free-for-all cup and merchan-  
dise prizes will be awarded in addition  
to money prizes. The cups are on  
exhibition at the Josephson jewelry  
store, while other prizes are displayed  
at Carlson Bros' store. The following  
have donated cups:

### List of Prizes.

C. I. Josephson, Manufacturers' hotel,  
Moline Dispatch, Moline Mail, Davenport  
Times, Davenport Democrat and  
Davenport Auto club.

The following firms have donated  
merchandise prizes: Ostlund's garage,  
set of Wee chains; Mayer & Johnson,  
\$3.50 gauntlets; Tri-City Electric Co.,  
Electric iron; G. S. FitzGibbon, \$2  
shirt; Carlson Bros. 1912 blue book;  
Swanson & Lundquist, \$2 shirt, and  
August Miedke, case of Waukesha  
water.

Mr. DeArmand desires all owners  
intending to enter the hill climb notify  
him as soon as possible, although  
entries will be received up to one-half  
hour after the starting of the first  
car.

Sixteenth street will be closed at 7



## PRESIDENT WOULD PH



(Major B. B. Ray and Charles P.  
Taft, brother of President Taft, left to  
right).

President Taft has nominated Major  
B. B. Ray to be deputy paymaster gen-  
eral with the rank of lieutenant  
colonel. Major Ray's alleged political

a. m. for the benefit of drivers who  
may want to try out the hill. Ample  
police protection will be afforded, but  
the public is requested to keep off the  
street, between the hours of 7 and  
10 a. m., that the whole street from  
Sixth to Twelfth avenue may be open  
for the cars. This is the first hill  
climb ever staged in Moline and interest  
is running high not only in auto-  
mobile circles, but with the public in  
general. A great crowd will be out  
and assurances come from Davenport  
that Moline will have to go some to  
beat the renowned "Dare Devil Pete,"  
who is the pride of all Davenport.  
"Pete" Petersen drives a Pope-Hart-  
ford and the way he "lets her out"  
is a sight worth seeing. The Velle  
and other automobile enthusiasts of  
Moline are not asleep and that some  
fast time will be hung up is certain.  
A complete list of the officials will be  
announced tomorrow night.

Printed Friday, August 30th 1912

## 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 based upon 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
- Accommodations
- Publicity

**Please contact Mark to volunteer.**

***MVR Member Clair Pearson writes,***

“A friend would like a vintage car for use at her daughter's wedding. She is looking for something like a Cadillac or Lincoln. Primarily for pictures plus a short ride. (They have a bus to transport the wedding party to the to the reception.)

Date is June 7th, 2:30-3:00. Location is Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Moline. She will compensate your time and use of the vehicle. Contact me if interested and I will provide contact info. “

Clair 309-373-0581

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Camaro in the winter

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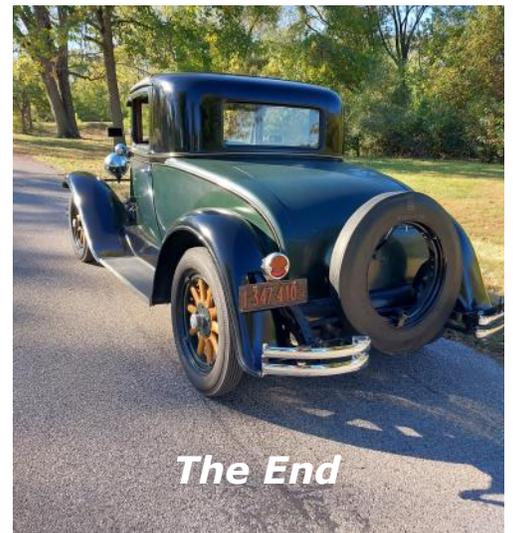
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***Autograf submissions should be sent to Mark Lousberg, (mplousberg@hotmail.com) by the twelfth of the month to be included in the next publication.***