



# The Autograf.

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

### 4-2025 Notes of Interest

I would like to thank Jan for helping me out with the Drive and Visit March event. We had around 60 people attend this event, first gathering at Dahl's Old Car Home where the curator, Al, talked about the collection. Turns out there are many other cars at the Dahl homes, including in Florida.

Next, some of us followed a written course down Jersey Ridge Road and thru old Camp McClellan then across town and arrived at The Klemme collection located in the old Firestone Tire building in downtown Davenport. Kraig Klemme greeted the members and answered questions. Jan and I left to get things rolling at the next stop. Eric later led the group to Rob Wolfe's place on 5<sup>th</sup> Street just west of Brady Street. Thanks Eric!!

This building was the Carl Cleve & Sons body shop. If you didn't realize, Rob is one of the stars of The American Pickers show on The Discovery Channel. Rob greeted members and later gave a talk on the history of the place, area and his plans there. Rob has the main area filled with neon signs! The West area has cars being worked on and out back is a period Hudson signed building. There are two murals on the East of the raised railroad bed concrete wall. Rob's plan is to have the whole wall done in antique car themed murals. The MVR furnished hot dogs, chips and lemonade. We had many invited members of the Antique Ford Club and British Car Club join us. I suspect we will be having many more events with Rob, and other clubs.

For April, Justin is hosting Silvis Train Days and Classic Cars on April 26<sup>th</sup>. See detailed info in this Autograf & bring your car for display to get in free! The word is out on this event and our club will have great exposure.

Plans are continuing with Mike Flaherty taking the lead on the Antique Car Hill Climb. Mike has been getting info from other hill climb events held across the country and coordinating with city officials. The latest possible location is Brady Street Hill where antique car hill climbs were originally done, taking place after the BIX with extending the road closure and utilizing the barricades already set up.

As a reminder, your board meets the first Tuesday of the Month and any member is welcome at any time. Thoughts or ideas for your club are appreciated. Please contact me or any of our board members.

Thanks, John



## UPCOMING MVR EVENTS

### APRIL 26th

The MVR will host a joint show with the Railroad Heritage of the Midwest Museum at the old Rock Island Lines shop in Silvis, IL.

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.

Justin Landwehr

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### MAY

Fulton Windmill

Kathu & Stu Etheridge

### JUNE 7th.

Family Day Pancake Breakfast, West Lake Park

### JULY 12th

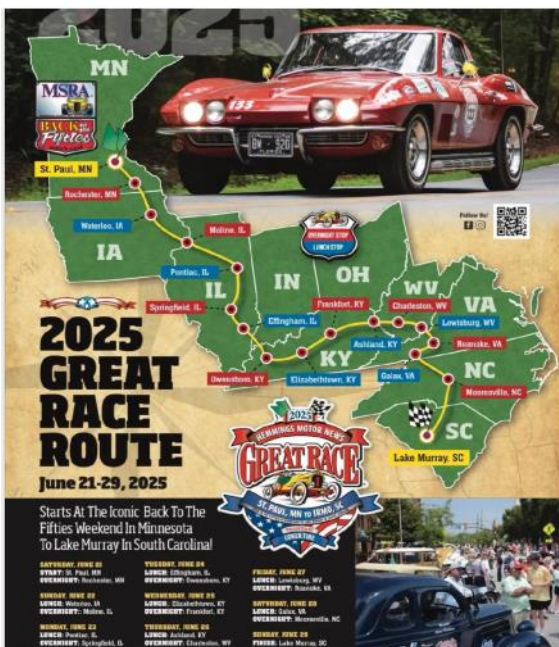
Visit to McCarty's Alpaca Farm, Eldridge

Eric Smith



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

... See more



## 48th Annual Spring Jefferson Auto Swap Meet & Car Show.

April 25 8a-4p

April 26 6a-4p

<https://www.madisonclassics.com/events/spring-jefferson/>



# SILVIS TRAIN DAYS & CLASSIC CARS

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**FRIDAY  
APRIL 25**

- **Open House**
- **Dinner** - With the steam crew!
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**SATURDAY  
APRIL 26**

- **Steam & Diesel Train Rides**
- **RR Speeder Rides**
- **Classic Car Show**
- **Model Trains**
- **Food Trucks**
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MVR Region AACA  
Monthly Board Meeting  
April 1, 2025

**Call to order** at 7 PM

**Attendance:**

**Officers**

President: John Brewer

Vice President: Scott Johnson

Treasures: Kathy Etheridge

Secretary: Clair Pearson

**Board Members**

Jan Brewer

Stu Etheridge

Michael Flaherty

Mark Lousberg

Eric Smith

**Minutes of Past Meeting:** Approved

**Treasurer's Report:** Approved

**Other Reports**

**Membership:** Being updated

**Old Business:**

March drive and visit had 60 attendees. Ford Club and the British Auto Club both said thank you for the invitation. Well attended by both groups. Motion approved to pay for the hot dogs.

Great Race: June 26<sup>th</sup> on River Drive, Moline near the MARK. Proposed site presented. Our club will assist with parking race vehicles and support vehicles in the MARK parking lot.

AACA Tour planned for late Sept. 2026

Antique car hill climb possibly on Brady Street after the BIX. Mike is still working on details such as state approval for road closure and insurance.

Club Trifold brochure: Recommended to have more printed.

**Public Out Reach**

May event to include Aledo High School students and visit to Ty's Standard. Led by Stu Etheridge.

John Brewer will be meeting with the Ford Club about potentially doing more with us.

April event on the 26-27<sup>th</sup> at the Silvis train museum. Justin Landwehr is our club contact. He will be on Ch 6, QC Live on Tuesday April 8<sup>th</sup> for a promo.

May event: Drive to Fulton windmill. (Kathy and Stu)

June event: Pancake Breakfast June 7<sup>th</sup> at West Lake. Free to members. Provisions- Clair Pearson.

July event: July 12<sup>th</sup>. Alpaca farm in Eldridge. \$10 per person followed by cook-out at Scott County Park. Led by Eric Smith.

August event: Tour, destination unknown. (Mike F.)

September event: Geneseo car show followed by food at Scott Johnson's home.

October event: Tour. (Mark L.)

November year end Banquet. (Scott J.)

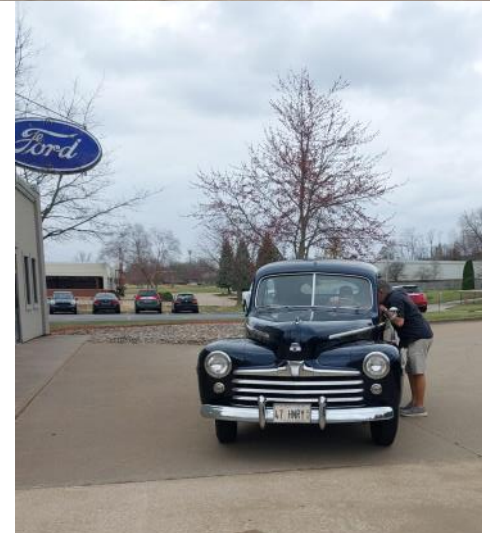
**Meeting adjourned** at 805 PM



## **The Brewer's "Double Trifecta".**

### ***Three Clubs and Three Collections***

On Saturday March 29th John and Jan led members of the MVR, Quad Cities British Car Club and the Quad Cities Ford Club on tours through the Dahl Old Car Home, Klemme's Classics and the Robbie Wolf Collection.



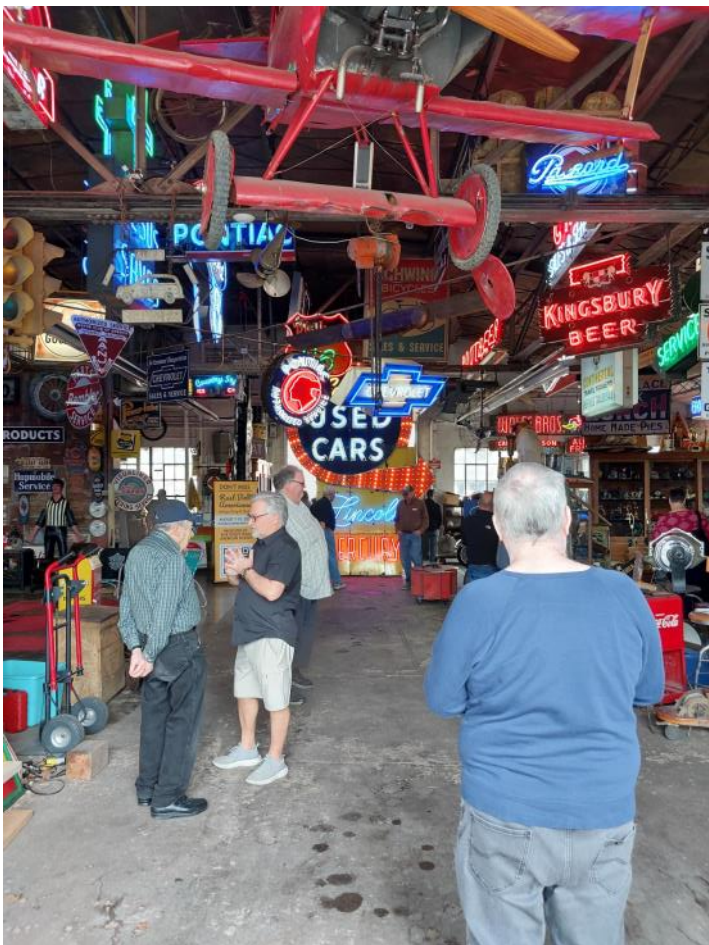




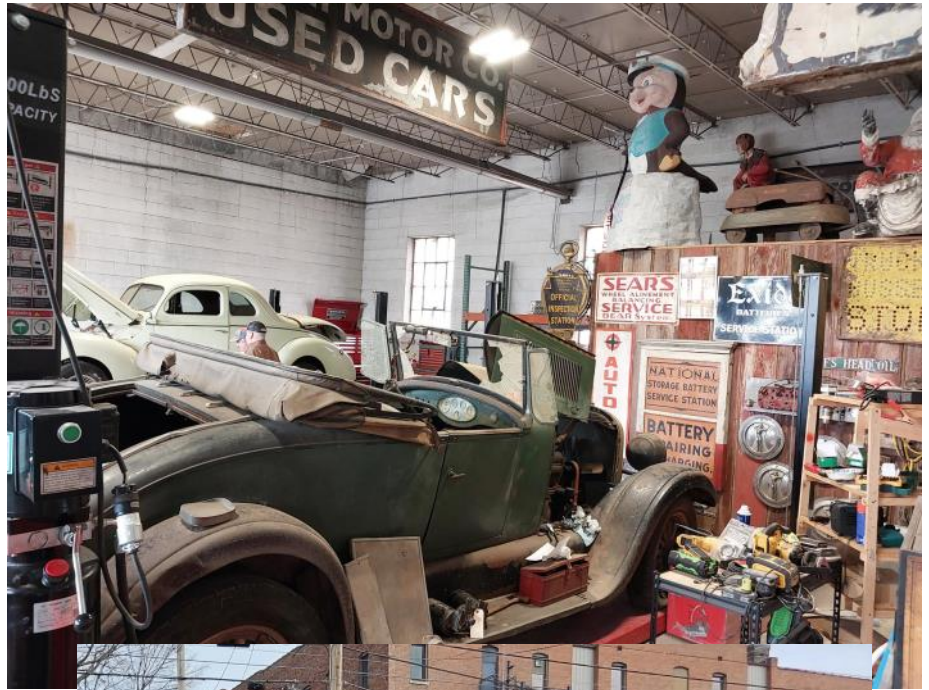












## ***Quad City Cruisers Club Invite***

The Cruisers have scheduled us as a featured car club along with the Quad Cities Antique Ford Club on Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup> at SouthPark 5-8. Let's figure on gathering at Office Max (northeast corner) at 4:40 and drive in together at 5.

Should be a good opportunity to meet more Ford Club members.

Any questions call or text John Brewer 563-370-6902

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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 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 309-737-0581

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# AACA Auto Parts Swap Meet

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to celebrate

# HAWKEYE DOWNS



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## May 17th 2025

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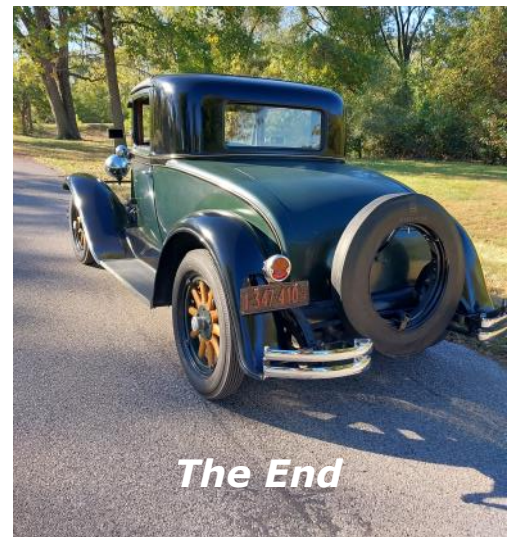
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