



# The Autograf.

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**May 2025**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### 5-2025 Notes of Interest

I would like to thank Justin for hosting Silvis Train Days and Classic Cars on April 26<sup>th</sup>. This is one of their first events and there was great public attendance. We had many members and their cars Friday night inside and on display outside on Saturday. Thanks to all the members who participated!

On May 7<sup>th</sup> a group of us met at Hy-Vee in Milan. We traveled over the country roads to Aledo. Stu and Kathy arranged the event for us to meet with the Aledo High School's auto program. We were greeted by teacher/volunteers and about 15 students who were very involved in speaking about the program's projects. They raffle off a finished car each year and many of our members bought \$10 raffle tickets to support them. All of the proceeds for the raffle go towards the following year's raffle vehicle. They provided us with butterfly pork chops, chips and drinks. It was a great experience that we can continue with other school auto programs like Pleasant Valley which I have already contacted. Thanks to all who brought vehicles!

On the way back I followed Wayne to make sure he did not have a FORD problem. We were doing 55 on a lonely straight road when I noticed the 50 Merc start increasing the distance in front of the 32 Auburn and realized this as the "Wayne Move". I closed the distance and by GPS we were doing 75-80..... That old guy can fly when he is not in a T..... In our later discussion of his "move" he stated that he was confident the Merc would do 100 and I responded that at that point I would be passing him.....

May 10<sup>th</sup> the club gathered at Isle of Capri for the Quad Cities Cruisers night that featured both MVR and the QC Antique Ford Club. We had 17 cars from MVR and Ford had 10. A great turn out on a nice evening, thanks to all who showed up! This appears to be their new location and we will gather in the same area in the future and pick an area away from the speakers!

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. Latest location is Brady Street Hill next year on the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary where antique car hill climbs were originally held. Mike has spent an enormous amount of time with city staff, DOT and many others! Thanks Mike!

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, please contact me or any of our board members.



# MVR Region AACA Monthly Board Meeting

May 7, 2025

**Call to order: 7 PM**

**Attendance:**

## **Officers**

President: John Brewer

Vice President: Scott Johnson

Treasurer: Kathy Etheridge

Secretary: Clair Pearson

## **Board Members**

Jan Brewer

Stu Etheridge

Michael Flaherty

Justin Landwehr

Eric Smith

**Minutes of Past Meeting:** Approved as published

**Treasurer's Report:** Approved

## **Other Reports**

**Membership:** New member applications approved:

-Thomas Pilcher, spouse Lyll

Own a 1961 Lincoln Continental

-Shawn and Victoria Graves

**Old Business:** A thank you from the Silvis Train Museum for our participation in their open house.

June Great Race update from Mark

2026 AACA Tour: We need to establish a planning committee

Antique Hill Climb: This will not happen this year. Will plan for 2026. We will plan for the first Saturday in June.

## **New Business:**

Approved purchasing 6 signs for \$128.40

QC Cruisers show for May 10 moved to Isle of Capri

RI Arsenal Armed Forces show May 17.

## **Public Outreach Efforts:**

Aledo High School May 8<sup>th</sup>. 8 cars signed up to go.

## **Monthly Activities:**

May 18<sup>th</sup>. Tour to Fulton Windmill. Leave from Geneseo to avoid rt 84. Sponsored by the Etheridges

June 7<sup>th</sup>. Pancake Breakfast at West Lake, Davenport. Clair will get supplies. Need someone to get juice and coffee.

Meeting adjourned at 8 PM

## UPCOMING MVR EVENTS

**May 17th**

**Armed Forces Day Car Show, Rock island Arsenal.**

**Must Enter Through the Rock Island Entrance before 7:30 am or after 11:00 due to the Scheduled Fun Run. Park on Gillespie Street by the golf clubhouse.**

**MAY 18th**

**Fulton Windmill Tour**

**Pack a lunch. We are taking a tour SUNDAY morn, leaving Geneseo Park at 10 AM.**

**Our roads will be Rt. 82, 92, CR1, CR3 all east of Geneseo, to towns Spring Hill and then Prophetstown. Then 78 to Morrison, 30, 136 into Fulton. Looking at the map, we are making a nice loop away from the river (the river will always be there just not on this tour. □) Our packed lunch will be at Morrison Rockwood State Park before we head for the windmill..**

**RSVP to Kathy & Stu Etheridge**

**JUNE 7th**

**Pancake Breakfast, West Lake Park**

**June 22nd**

**Great Race in Moline, IL.**

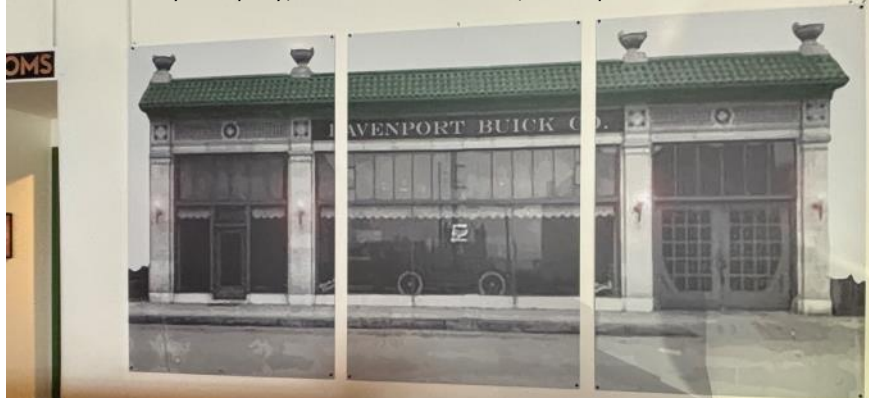
**JULY 12th**

**Visit to McCarty's Alpaca Farm, Eldridge**

**Eric Smith**



Photo from Craig Sommers . This is a photo of an early Buick Dealer in Davenport, Iowa. It can be found on the North wall of the Mississippi River Distillery Company, 218-East 3rd Street, Davenport



# 2025 MVR Pancake Breakfast June 7<sup>th</sup>, Saturday Serving starting at 8:30

West Lake Park 14910 110<sup>th</sup> Ave. Enter gate #1 to Lake View Shelter (follow AACA signs)

<https://www.scottcountyiowa.gov/conservation/west-lake>

Breakfast (pancakes, sausages, coffee, juice) will be served from 8:30 to 10:30 **FREE** event for club members.

(Cost for non-members: \$5.00) *everyone please check in with Kathy Etheridge when arriving.*

Lake View Shelter capacity is 200.

Electricity, Parking, Picnicking, Playground, Restrooms, Fresh Water with scenic Lake View.

**Please invite your families**

Club meeting at 10:45 with updates on upcoming events.

Country drive is planned to start around 11:00 and will last about an hour.

If you don't have an antique car that day, ask to ride along with someone.

We may also have some car games in the large parking lot so bring your ideas.

There are new concrete hiking trails available at West Lake. The lake is full, so boating is available!

This event is put on by your board members, but we can always use help!

# MVR and Midwest Railroad Heritage Museum Combined Show

Months of planning came together on April 25th and 26th in Silvis Illinois when the MVR joined with the Midwest Railroad Heritage Museum for a combined show. As both organizations' charters share common goals: *restoration, preservation and education*, it was a great fit.

The museum occupies the grounds of the former Rock Island Lines repair shop and yard in Silvis, Illinois. Inside the shop restoration work is taking place on two steam locomotives and several rail cars. Outside on the tracks several passenger and freight cars await their turn for restoration.

On the evening of April 25th the museum kicked off the event by hosting a dinner and presentation for VIPs, donors and members of the MVR who brought cars for the evening event. The museum showcased current projects and future plans for the site.





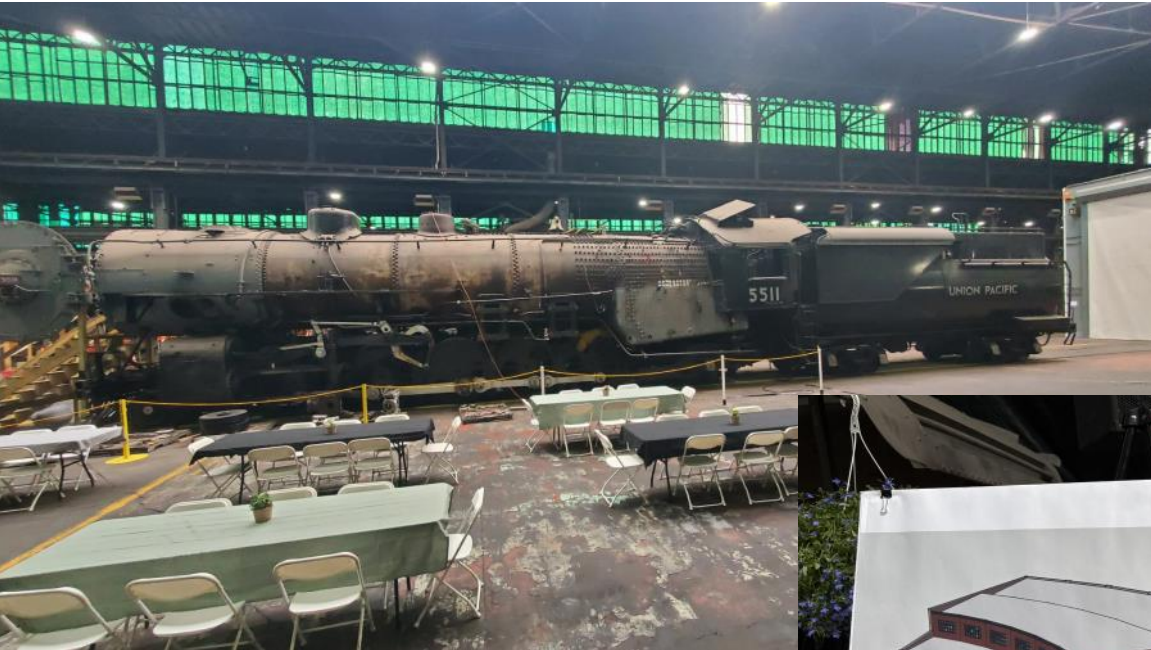


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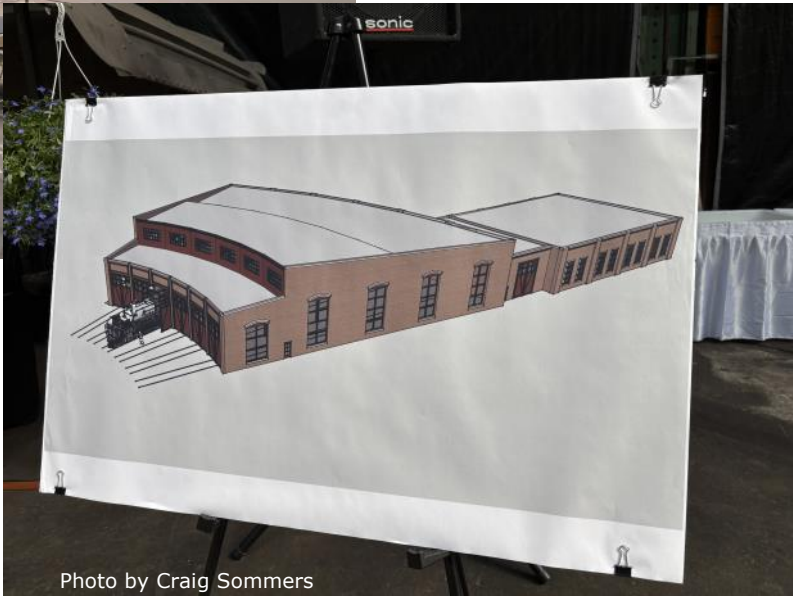


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Future Roundhouse Meeting Center



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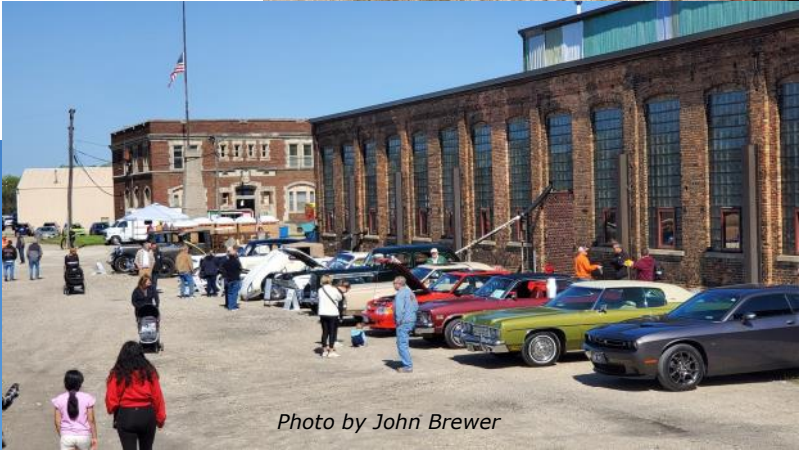










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## ***New Member Spotlight***

**MVR let's give a warm welcome to new members Thomas Pilcher, spouse Lyll. They live in Davenport and own a 1961 Lincoln Continental**

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# Aledo High School Auto Shop Class Tour

**Aledo High School has a unique auto class where the students learn how to work on automobiles. The funding for their project comes through raffles and fundraising.**

**The class is held on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 in the high school Industrial and Ag Building. On Wednesday the 7th of May the MVR caravanned out to meet the class, show off their cars and answer questions.**



Photos by Kathy Etheridge





**Stu and John explained the operations of their cars to the students.**



**The Shop Teacher explains the program**

# The Great Race News

The Great Race arrives in Moline on Sunday, June 22. Expect more than 100 race participant cars to arrive on River Drive around 4:30pm. Local classic cars from the MVR and QC Cruisers are invited to display on River Drive with The Great Race.

As in previous years, the MVR has been asked to help with parking the race cars as they come off the road for the party. Those cars will be in place through the evening event.

At 4:45 the Arrival Ceremony begins. Our parking team should be in place by then.

5:00 the first Great Race car arrives

5:15-7:45 is The Great Race dinner event

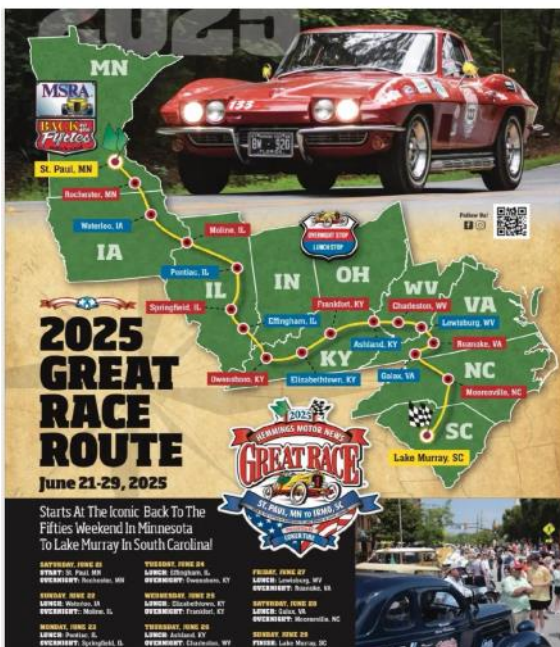
The Great Race display cars are in place until 8:00

All cars need to be off the street by 8:30

The MVR needs you to VOLUNTEER to help park cars and to display your vehicle. Please contact Mark Lousberg, [mplousberg@hotmail.com](mailto:mplousberg@hotmail.com) or John Brewer, [jwbrew15@aol.com](mailto:jwbrew15@aol.com)

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

... See more



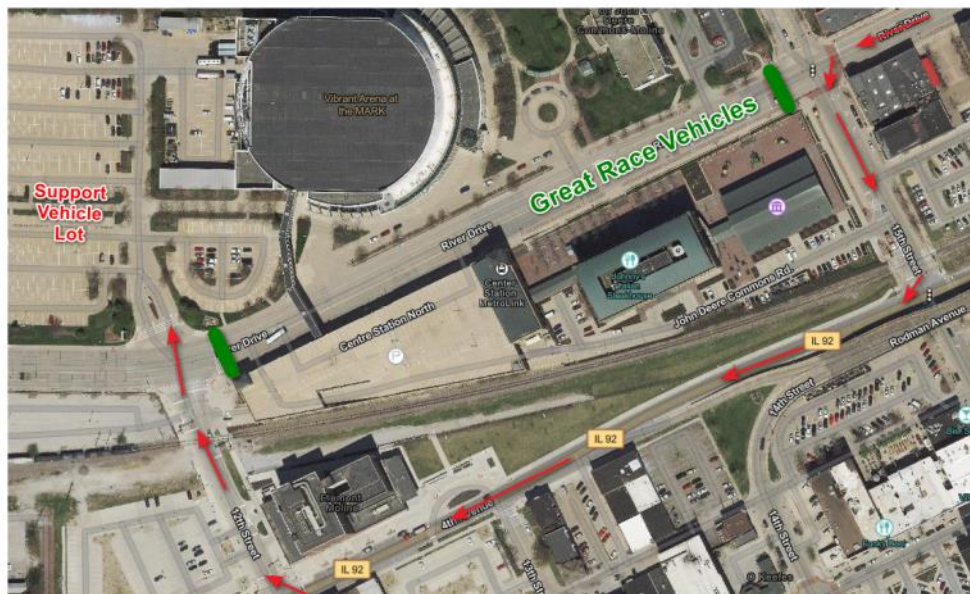


**2025**  
**Hemmings Motor News**  
**Great Race**  
**St. Paul, MN To Lake Murray, SC**



**Local Car Club Support: Mississippi Valley Region of AACA**

**Other Clubs: Quad Cities Antique Ford Club**  
**British Car Club**  
**Quad City Cruisers**





# Quad Cities Cruisers "Cruise In" Event Featuring the Mississippi Valley Region.

On Saturday May 10th the Cruisers invited the MVR to join them on the Bettendorf riverfront.



The MVR was represented by about 28 members and 17 cars.

*Photos by John Brewer*



47th

# AACA Auto Parts Swap Meet

We are back  
to celebrate

# HAWKEYE DOWNS



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