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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### 9-2025 Notes of Interest

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of August we met at the U Haul on West Kimberly and traveled the back roads through Scott County to McCarthy's Alpaca Farm. The family that runs it has many other animals that are native to many other countries. After the visit, we were off to Pioneer Village at the north end of Scott County Park for a picnic and conversations. Great event, Eric!

For Geneseo's Plains Trains and Automobiles, 7 members' cars met at 7:00 at Southpark and traveled the detours to Geneseo. By the time we got there it was filling up. It looks like we need to start meeting at 6:30.... MVR winners at Geneseo were Tony & Janice Drain with their '64 GTO, and Kathy & Stu Etheridge with their Willys-Knight and demonstrator engine! Afterwards we met at Scott and Jennifer's house for their gathering of our members plus the British Car Club of the Quad Cities. I think there were 30-40 people there for pulled pork and all the fixings. A great spread they put on always. A big thank you to The Johnsons!!!!

At the Des Moines Concours, Wayne Scherer's recent 50-year restoration of his 1930 Franklin Speedster received a blue ribbon along with our '32 Auburn and a '33 Rolls Royce Phantom II Town Car. At the re-view stand the 3 cars were all lined up, side by side to find out our places. Franklin was 3<sup>rd</sup>, Auburn 2<sup>nd</sup> and RR was 1<sup>st</sup>. Wayne had many relatives from the Des Moines area and Davenport to help him celebrate the completion of the car and his win over 5 top Packards and a Cadillac Imperial Limo!

### LOOKING AHEAD:

On the 21<sup>st</sup> is the Butterworth Porch Party from 12-5 that our club always supports as a thank you for allowing us to use their buildings for our board meetings. Please bring out your cars to show our support of their event.

This month, we look forward to Mark's drive and cookout on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Look for details in this issue.

As a reminder, your board meets the first Tuesday of the month and any member is welcome at any time. We are skipping the month of September so next meeting will be in October. Thoughts or ideas for **your** club, please contact me or any of our board members.

Thanks, John



# The Alpaca Adventure

finally happened after a heavy rainstorm cancelled the first scheduled outing in July.

On Sunday morning the 24th the MVR members gathered at the starting point to cruise out to McCarty's Corner Farm in Eldridge.



Upon arrival we parked our cars and met the McCartys.

Molly McCarty gave an introduction to the farm and animals.











Photo by Gary Gleason





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Following our farm visit, the group cruised North on Utica Ridge Road surrounded by tall corn and under blue skies filled with tufts of clouds.

A stop at the Walnut Grove Pioneer Village provided for a wonderful lunch spot.





# 2025 Planes Trains and Automobiles *and haircuts?*

*Once again the MVR had a presence at the Geneseo Plains  
Trains and Automobiles weekend.*

*Our group met at Southpark Mall and caravanned to Geneseo.  
Member Scott Johnson who resides in Geneseo met the group  
at the show entrance and ensured the MVR was able to park  
together on the show field.*



Photo by Craig Sommers





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Street and Fly-Over photos by John Brewer





**After the show, the members of the MVR were invited to the Johnson's annual after-show party. This event is a blend of the MVR and British Car Club of the Quad Cities. It's always a lot of fun and appreciated by all.**

**This year, attendance was 39 people and seventeen vintage cars.**

**Photos by Jennifer Johnson**







Official Johnson Residence  
Welcoming Committee



Photo by Jennifer Johnson



Stu & Kathy received an award at the  
Geneseo Show for their Willys-Knight



Photo by Jennifer Johnson





**British Invasion**



**Clair's new ride!**



**Nice plate Justin**



The cookout had an "after hours party" of its own! Here we have MVR member Stu Etheridge getting a haircut in the yard from host Jennifer Johnson. It's the only time I've ever seen Stu without a ball cap!



Never mention you could use a haircut in front of Jennifer!





On Sunday, September 7th MVR members Wayne Scherer and John Brewer made the trek to Des Moines to participate in the Annual Concourse D 'Elegance. Both cars were in the same class, Classic. Out of eleven cars in that class, our members took second (Brewer) and third (Scherer).

**Congratulations to Wayne and John!**





# MVR Members Out and About

Gary Gleason reports four MVRAACA members showed 5 cars at the McCausland Car Show on Labor Day. Mike Flaherty, Gary Gleason, Joe Grant(2 cars) and Lou Haas. Joe Grant won a top 50 award with his 1962 Chevrolet





## New Member Spotlight

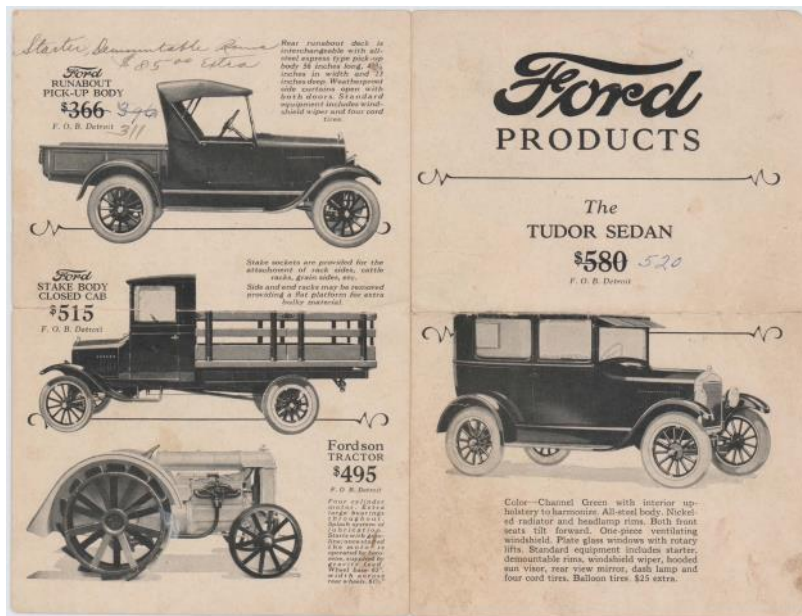
Members of the MVR welcome Julia Rostenbach to the club. Julia is the owner of an original 1963 Chevrolet



## Do you Facebook?

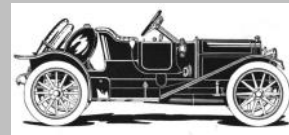
**MVR member Justin Landwehr has done an excellent job with our club's Facebook page.**

## Check it out!



MVR member Mike Flaherty submitted this 1926 Ford dealer sales brochure with list price and actual prices in pencil. It was from the Mann dealership on auto row in Davenport.

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## UPCOMING MVR EVENTS

### **September 21st**

#### **Butterworth Porch Party 12-5.**

Help us celebrate the semi quincentennial of our nation at the Porch Party on September 21 from noon to 5 pm. This year's theme is: **It's a Family Thing**. Guests will learn more about the Deere family and how to preserve their own unique family heritage through heirlooms, including photography.



### **September 27th**

#### **Fall MVR Cruise and Picnic**

We will meet in Port Byron at the Sandstrom office, 218 South High Street at 9:00 am for coffee and donuts. At 9:45, we will drive Old Route 2 to visit the private car and auto memorabilia collection of Keith Stratlow in Morrison, IL.

Following the tour, we will cruise to Rockwood Morrison State Park for a cookout at the Lakeview North Shelter.

This is a 34 mile trip one-way. We will cruise at 40 MPH.

***RSVP for this event is required by September 19th .*** Send all RSVP notices to Mark at [mplousberg@hotmail.com](mailto:mplousberg@hotmail.com) or 309-373-2169.



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