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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

10-2025 Notes of Interest

On the 21st of last month, we had 8 club cars at the Butterworth Porch Party with great weather. Thanks to all who participated!

The 27th of September was Mark's fall drive and cookout with at least 10 club cars. We had a great drive and toured an auto-related collection that was ultra organized! After the tour, we met at Morrison Rockwood State Park for chicken and bacon cooked on the grill with all the fixings for delicious grilled chicken sandwiches!!! Even had HOT beans..... Great event Mark!

We pushed back our monthly first Tuesday board meeting by a week to avoid Hershey week.

I attended the Concours d' Quad Cities October 11th at Hidden Hills Golf Course along with 60 other cars. This event is a startup, and the goal is to get enough cars next year to have it at Palmer Hills. Kinda like Pebble Beach, but any car can appear. It was suggested that maybe next year we may make attending this October's club event. They have sponsors and funds go for kids' activity programs within the park system.

The final club drive of the season is this Sunday, 10/19 and it may be overcast, but weather looks good and it will likely be the final opportunity of the season to see the changing leaves. Join us if you can... We are meeting at Performance Foods in Milan at noon and leaving at 12:15pm. Pack a lunch and drink for a stop at Weed Park in Muscatine. If you've already put your antique away, join us in your modern metal!

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



A	B	C
MVR TREASURER REPORT 9/30/25		
BEGINNING CHECKBOOK BALANCE 8/31/25		\$2,251.20
DEPOSITS		
No Deposits		
TOTAL DEPOSITS:		<u>\$0.00</u>
CHECKS		
TOTAL CHECKS:		<u>\$0.00</u>
<u>ENDING CHECKBOOK BALANCE 9/30/25</u>		<u>\$2,251.20</u>
SAVINGS BEGINNING BALANCE IHMVCU		\$5.00
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SAVINGS BEGINNING BALANCE FAMILY CU		\$25.00
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CURRENT CD FAMILY CU #113060 24 mo. APY 4.50%		
12/5/24 - 12/4/26	Current Balance 6/30/25:	\$10,443.03
6/30/25 \$115.19 earned for quarter		
Current CD IHMVCU Cert. #3004 9 mo. APY 4.40%		\$10,907.16
Renewed 2/11/25		
9/30/25 \$39.81 earned		
TOTAL CD'S		\$21,350.19
<u>CHECKING, SAVINGS, CD'S TOTAL 9/30/25</u>		<u>\$23,631.39</u>

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	MISSISSIPPI VALLEY REGION AACA							
2	BUDGET TO ACTUAL 9/30/25							
3						BUDGET		ACTUAL
4								
5	BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/25							<u>\$23,353.18</u>
6								
7	INCOME							
8	Membership Dues 7/31/25					\$1,200.00		\$852.00
9	Breakfast non-members					\$250.00		\$30.00
10	Monthly Event Subsidy					\$2,226.00		
11	Interest: IH \$39.81, int. fr Family: \$115.19							\$638.99
12	(This is with Family 2nd qtr added only)							
13	TOTAL INCOME					\$3,676.00		<u>\$1,520.99</u>
14								
15	EXPENSES							
16								
17	Autograph supplies & postage					\$500.00		\$59.28
18	Sunshine					\$50.00		
19	Unbudgeted					\$915.00		
20	State of IL Filing Fee					\$10.00		\$10.00
21	State of IL chg of address for filing fee					\$5.00		\$5.00
22	Flyers for advertising MVR Club							\$42.80
23	Hill Climb Regist.fee, Flaherty #1183 3/12					\$90.00		\$90.00
24	Hill Climb Regist.fee returned #1183 7/1							(\$90.00)
25	(postponed until next year, ck destroyed)							
26	Ck #1183 not destroyed, pd park fee 8/11/25							\$90.00
27	Aledo Auto Restoration Donation							\$250.00
28	Office Supplies, ck printing, etc.					\$126.00		\$109.09
29	Bend Expo Show 2024					\$170.00		
30	Member of the Year Plaque					\$30.00		
31	January Rod/Custom Show 2025					\$200.00		\$174.00
32	February (Show & Tell) no expense					\$25.00		
33	March (hot dog exp. fr garage tours)					\$75.00		\$97.62
34	April Railroad tour no expense					\$75.00		
35	May Fulton tour no expense					\$75.00		
36	June (Family Day Breakfast) dwn pmt					\$400.00		\$75.00
37	groceries, etc. for Family Day breakfast							\$308.99
38	July Alpaca tour					\$75.00		\$85.00
39	August					\$75.00		
40	September					\$75.00		
41	October (Fall Drive)					\$200.00		
42	November (Annual Banquet)					\$600.00		
43								
44	TOTAL EXPENSES					\$3,771.00		<u>\$1,306.78</u>
45								
46								
47	Dues 2026/2027						\$64.00	
48								
49								
50	ENDING BALANCE 8/31/25							<u>\$23,631.39</u>

2026 MVR Elections

Contact any Board Member if you would like to serve in a position or run to be on the board.

WE NEED YOU!

Our new procedure for voting for board members occurs at the club's annual banquet on Saturday, November 15th at Riverfront Grille in Rock Island. If you cannot attend and wish to vote, please request an absentee ballot from Clair Pearson and return to him before banquet.

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MVR Fall Cruise and Picnic

On September 27th the MVR held the Annual Fall Cruise. This year we departed Port Byron for Rockwood State Park in Morrison, IL.

As a bonus, MVR member Eric Smith organized a tour of a private gas station memorabilia collection located in Morrison.

Nineteen members and one dog gathered in Port Byron at 9AM for donuts, coffee and socializing.

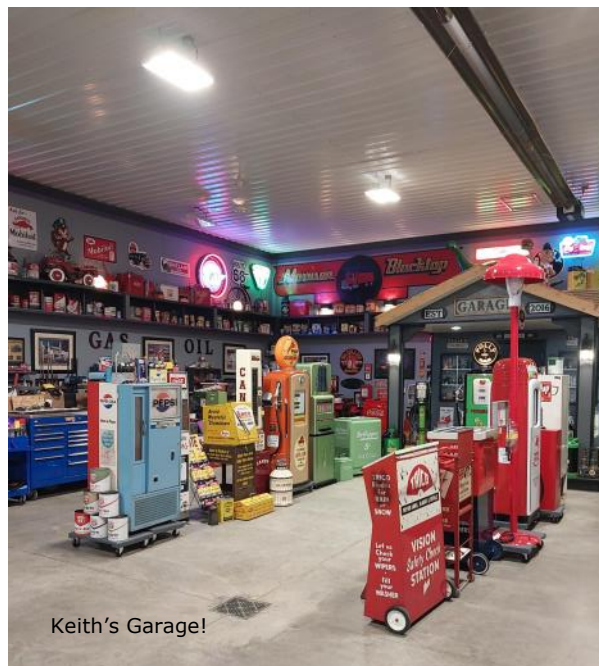
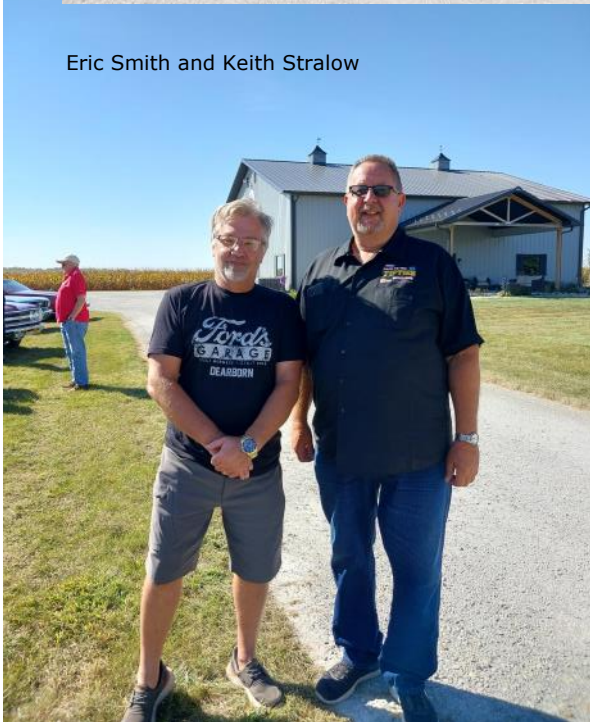
Once again we were blessed with amazing weather for the drive.



When I did my route reconnaissance I was driving my 2020 Ram. The day of the event I had my 1952 Chevrolet One-Ton Pickup. Old Illinois Route 2 is not a smooth road! -Mark



Eric Smith and Keith Stralow



Keith's Garage!



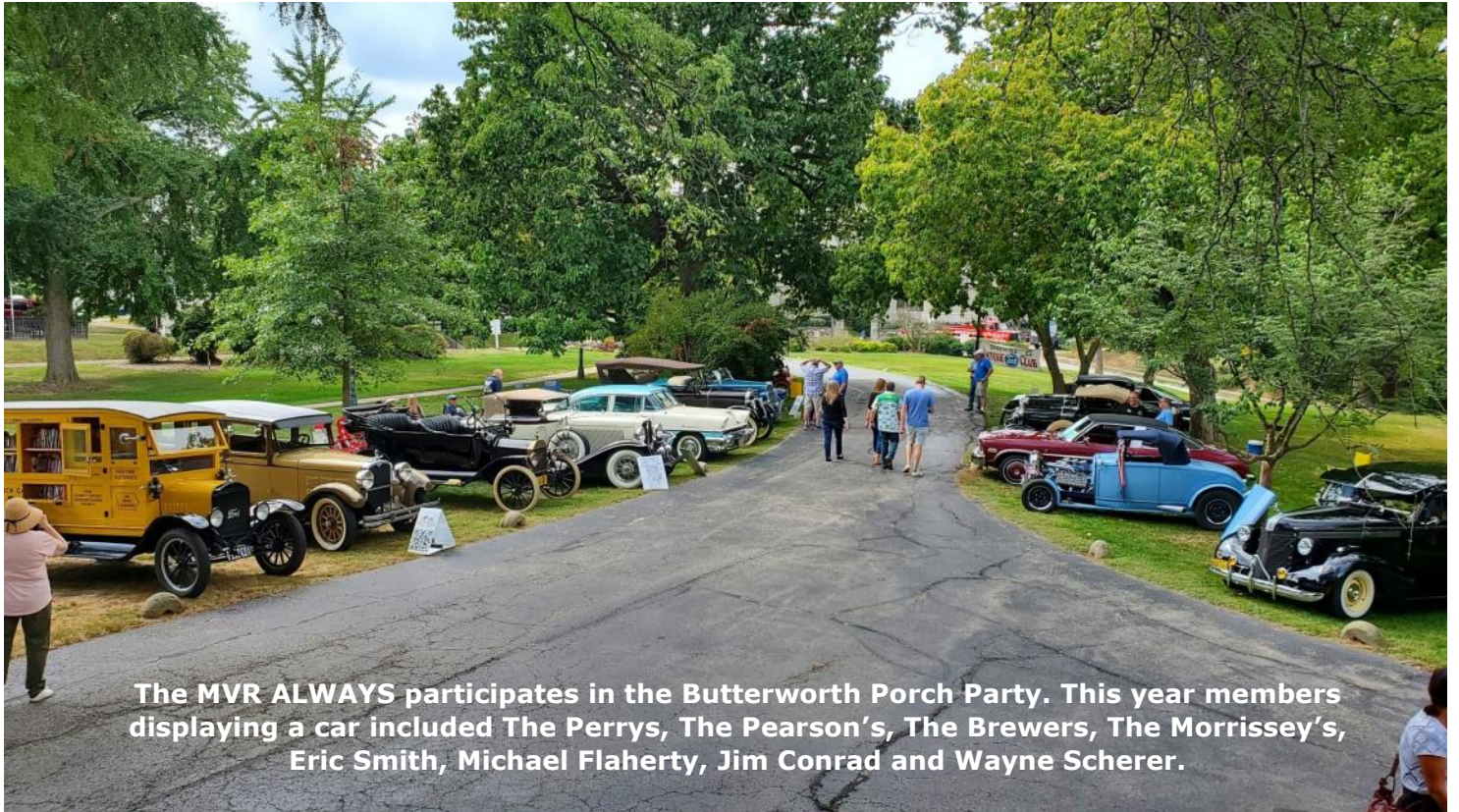
Keith's
AMAZING
collection



Following the memorabilia tour the group moved to Rockwood State Park for a lunch of grilled chicken breasts with bacon and cheese and all the fixin's.



MVR Members Out and About



The MVR ALWAYS participates in the Butterworth Porch Party. This year members displaying a car included The Perrys, The Pearson's, The Brewers, The Morrissey's, Eric Smith, Michael Flaherty, Jim Conrad and Wayne Scherer.

Hershey 2025!



Three MVR members took their wares to the Hershey fields. Stu Etheridge, John Brewer and Eric Smith all had something to sell.



2025 Hershey notes from a novice

AACA Hershey World, I attended with Jan's motor home loaded with all car parts that I don't need. Tired of looking at it all!!! Sold all the Tripper lights I restored plus 95% of what I took. Discovered after I lowered my price expectations, things sold! Great talking with buyers explaining some of my seldom seen items and learning some things.

My trip was not without unexpected events... Short story is I had an overheating event when I arrived in Hershey driving around slowly. I pulled into my two spaces and next to me were two guys who learned about my problem. The one guy, Sid, looked at the motor and spun the fan easily and said that was likely my issue along with a seepage from the upper radiator hose. The guy who held the lot of spaces I, Sid's and Rob Wolfe were in got involved and had his brother who owned a local parts store order a fan clutch, thermostat, radiator cap and two gallons of antifreeze at discount. Replacing all parts the next day solved the issue all due to all the supportive help I got at Hershey!

It rained hard Tuesday night so when it cleared in the morning I put stuff out on two tables and was selling again! Headed out Wednesday night and stopped to rest for few hours. Started out again Thursday and after a couple hours noticed power was down. Thought it may be the fuel filter mounted to the carb so I asked Google for nearest O'Reillys and ended up in New Castle, Indiana. At this very busy intersection it stalled right in the middle. There was a car dealer there and they pulled me in. Checked it over and alternator was shot. They ordered another big frame one and after waiting 6 hours found out the mounting was wrong. Hummm, just needs electricity... so I could run the 110V generator that charges the house batteries through an inverter. So I just need a wire from positive on those batteries to positive on the chassis batteries. Well that's how I finally made it home in a 48-year-old motor home.

Being a first timer, one challenge was the way the spaces are arranged with what I felt was not well thought out. I read all the vendor rules and everyone does exactly as they please. Porta Pots are there only if someone orders them...say, in your group. They are mostly locked so good luck finding one open that a group forgot to lock. They should have some that AACA furnishes for general use and marked as such. By their tents they even locked them up. Noticed lots of blank spaces and or selling spaces were taken up just for parking with nothing out to sell. Looked like at most 1/4 of spaces had items for sale. They could reorganize so selling spaces would be concentrated near the center of each area with sellers parking around the edges or at least limit general parking in selling area. This would cut down on going down a long aisle and finding three spaces selling. Also, like brands or years could be arranged in different fields to cut down on walking whole areas.

Well it was an experience and I only bought parts for the motor home in order to safely get back home. Got rid of the excess and met a lot of great people who helped me so a good positive!

Was great to have Eric there along with Stu and Kathy and the Perry's!

John B.

Quad Cities Concourse D 'Elegance

Were you aware there was a Concourse D' Elegance in the Quad Cities? On Saturday the 11th of October the grounds at Hidden Hills Golf Course were filled with approximately 70 cars.



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UPCOMING MVR EVENTS

October Fall Colors Drive

Sunday 19th

Meet at noon in the parking lot of Performance Foods (old Thoms Pressler), 8001 51st Street West, Rock Island, IL. Leave at 12:15 for the drive.

Bring your lunch and drinks.

We will travel through Loud Thunder and cross the river at Muscatine. Lunch will be at Weed Park. Then travel upriver on Highway 22. As usual the oldest car will be in front setting the pace.

Last drive of the year!

Questions call John 563-370-6902

Annual Banquet

Saturday November 15 at the Riverfront Grille in Rock Island.

More details to come.



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2025 MVR AACA Club End of Year Banquet

We want your input on any changes you would like to see in your club that will lead to more participation and membership. This is YOUR club and we all have to take a role in maintaining its future.

So please plan on attending, you can't beat this prime rib dinner cost, and we will have input sheets for your future ideas!

National Dues are 45.00 and you can renew the old way by sending in the card that was included in the last magazine or now you can renew online with your member and pin number.

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Banquet at Riverfront Grill 4619 34th St. Rock Island IL

Main Banquet Room Overlooking the Rock River, Saturday November 15th, 2025 5:00 to 9:00 pm

Prime Rib, Baked Chicken, a Vegetable, a Potato, 3 Salads,

Roll and Butter, Coffee, Tea, Lemonade and Desert

Member: \$10.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Guest: \$31.00 x _____ = \$ _____

2025 MVR Membership Dues:

Local Membership Dues: (due by Jan.1) Single \$14.00 Couple \$ 18.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Member Names: _____

Guest Names: _____

Current E-Mail Address: _____

Please return Dues and Reservation before November 8th

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