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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Notes of Interest

Starting out this year for January we have the Hot Rod Show. The MVR will have a booth with four club cars and a video running. Mike Flaherty will be staffing the club display. If you can spare some time to help Mike out, please stop by. More info in this issue.

For February Jan Brewer will host the Show and Tell day where members can bring anything to "show and tell" about auto-related or anything! More info in this issue.

March is the QC Regional Auto Show at the Bend and Veterans Car Show at the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds.

That is a start and more is in the works as we fill the club calendar... Train Days, Quad City Concours, garage tours, 100th Anniversary of Route 66, drives etc. The Ford Club will also be planning activities so there should be 2 or 3 activities per month.

If you would like to have your garage in a garage tour please contact me so we can visit your collection this year.

Also please contact me with dates of car shows where you see many club cars so we can avoid conflict with our events.

Look for last minute drives as pleasant weather allows. Typically, you will bring along a lunch to be eaten at a park along the way. You will have notification about 5 days in advance through a Club Blast to your e-mail.

If you would like to plan an event and need assistance, please contact me.

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.

Thanks, John



MVR Board Minutes

November 4, 2025

Open meeting at 7 PM

Treasurers' report from Kathy Etheridge. Accepted;

Membership report: 12 new members from Ford Club;

Old Business:

Gary Gleason to receive 50 year pin at banquet;

September Fall Drive. Well attended. Good time was had by all;

British Car Club attended at the Johnson's after Geneseo show;

October Drive. Good turn out with short notice;

2027 AACA Tour report from Mark Lousberg. 3rd or 4th week of Sept. Event venue: Isle of Capri Hotel and Casino, Bettendorf. 3 days, different route each day. Open to all years of vehicles. Committee chairs needed. Contact Mark if interested.

New Business:

Ford Club report from John Brewer;

Banquet, Scott Johnson. Prime Rib buffet. Entertainment-Jeopardy;

Budget discussion, Scott Johnson;

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

MVR AACA Board of Directors Meeting January 6th 2026

Oak Room/Butterworth Mansion (basement)

Meeting open at 7 PM

Minutes of Last Meeting Approved as appeared in previous Autograf

Treasurers Report: Budget discussion. Report approved.

Other Reports:. Membership (Clair) 126 members.

Webmaster: We need someone to take over this job. Scott will talk to a person about this.

Old Business:

End of year banquet. 68 members attended. Great program.

New Business:

Train Event. April 26-27 in Silvis. They invited us to participate again

Hot Rod Show. 4 cars to be on display. Members needed to help promote the club.

QC Concourse Show. Oct 17 at Palmer hills

Public Outreach Efforts:

New Car Show.. March 6-8

Coordination with other clubs:

Ford Club & British Car Club

Monthly Activities Club Planned:

January: Mike (Hot Rod Meet) 16-18

February: Jan (Show & Tell)

March: New Car Show

April: Trains in Silvis

May: Aledo High School

June: Pancake breakfast. June 7

July: Mike-LeClaire

August: Open-Rt. 66?

September: (Geneseo) coordinate with Johnsons. Sept. 12

October: Mark.-Cruise

November: Scott (Banquet) Meeting closed at 8 PM

	A	B	C
1	MVR TREASURER REPORT 12/31/25		
2			
3	BEGINNING CHECKBOOK BALANCE 11/30/25		\$947.26
4			
5			
6	DEPOSITS		
7	Checks rec'd in Dec. and deposited January		\$150.00
8			
9			
10			
11	TOTAL DEPOSITS:		\$150.00
12			
13			
14	CHECKS		\$0.00
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17			
18			
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21			
22	TOTAL CHECKS:		\$0.00
23			
24			
25	<u>ENDING CHECKBOOK BALANCE 12/31/25</u>		\$1,097.26
26			
27			
28	SAVINGS BEGINNING BALANCE IHMVCU		\$5.00
29	SAVINGS ENDING BALANCE IHMVCU		\$5.00
30			
31	SAVINGS BEGINNING BALANCE FAMILY CU		\$25.00
32	SAVINGS ENDING BALANCE FAMILY CU		\$25.00
33			
34	CURRENT CD FAMILY CU #113060 24 mo. APY 4.50%		
35	12/5/24 - 12/4/26 Current Balance 9/30/25:	\$10,559.51	
36	9/30/25 \$116.48 earned for quarter		
37			
38	Current CD IHMVCU Cert. #3005 14mo. APY 3.95%	\$11,021.54	
39	Renewed 11/11/25, opening balance: \$10,986.50		
40	Earned on Cert. #3005 for Dec.: \$35.04		
41			
42	TOTAL CD'S	\$21,581.05	
43			
44	<u>CHECKING, SAVINGS, CD'S TOTAL 10/31/25</u>		<u>\$22,708.31</u>

TREASURER'S REPT 12-31-25

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	MISSISSIPPI VALLEY REGION AACA							
2	BUDGET TO ACTUAL 12/31/25							
3						BUDGET		ACTUAL
4								
5	BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/25							<u>\$23,353.18</u>
6								
7	INCOME							
8	Membership Dues 12/31/25					\$1,200.00		\$1,738.00
9	Banquet fees:							\$804.50
10	Breakfast non-members					\$250.00		\$30.00
11	Monthly Event Subsidy					\$2,226.00		
12	Interest: IH \$35.04, int. fr Family: \$116.48							\$869.85
13	(This is with Family 3rd qtr added only)							
14	TOTAL INCOME					<u>\$3,676.00</u>		<u>\$3,442.35</u>
15								
16	EXPENSES							
17								
18	Autograph supplies & postage					\$500.00		\$133.14
19	Sunshine					\$50.00		
20	Unbudgeted					\$915.00		
21	State of IL Filing Fee					\$10.00		\$10.00
22	Taylor Insurance Payment							\$110.00
23	State of IL chg of address for filing fee					\$5.00		\$5.00
24	Flyers for advertising MVR Club							\$42.80
25	Hill Climb Regist.fee, Flaherty #1183 3/12					\$90.00		\$90.00
26	Hill Climb Regist.fee returned #1183 7/1							(\$90.00)
27	(postponed until next year, ck destroyed)							
28	Ck #1183 not destroyed, pd park fee 8/11/25							\$90.00
29	Aledo Auto Restoration Donation							\$250.00
30	Office Supplies, ck printing, etc.					\$126.00		\$109.09
31	Bend Expo Show 2024					\$170.00		
32	Member of the Year Plaque					\$30.00		
33	January Rod/Custom Show 2025					\$200.00		\$174.00
34	February (Show & Tell) no expense					\$25.00		
35	March (hot dog exp. fr garage tours)					\$75.00		\$97.62
36	April Railroad tour no expense					\$75.00		
37	May Fulton tour no expense					\$75.00		
38	June (Family Day Breakfast) dwn pmt					\$400.00		\$75.00
39	groceries, etc. for Family Day breakfast							\$308.99
40	July Alpaca tour					\$75.00		\$85.00
41	August					\$75.00		
42	September					\$75.00		\$75.00
43	October (Fall Drive)					\$200.00		\$324.13
44	November (Annual Banquet)					\$600.00		\$2,261.45
45								
46	TOTAL EXPENSES					<u>\$3,771.00</u>		<u>\$4,151.22</u>

January Event

The Annual **Rod and Custom Auto Show** at the Bend XPO Center in East Moline takes place January 16th - 18th. The hours are Friday 1 PM to 8 PM, Saturday 10 AM to 8 PM and Sunday 10 AM to 3 PM

The MVR will have 4 vehicles on display:

1928 Ford AA 1 1/2-ton truck (JED CLAMPIT Truck) by John Hazen

1925 Model T Bookmobile by Mike Flaherty

1928 Nash Sport Touring Pursuit Car with early snow chain display by John Brewer

1914 Ford brass era Model T Touring Car by Eric Smith

The AACA MVR will have a club table, video display of members' vehicles and membership applications available to the public on all 3 days. We need volunteer club members to staff the table during the show.

Please contact Mike Flaherty to volunteer.

email: flaherty_michael@sbcglobal.net or call: 314-968-8574.

Members displaying cars at the show get free admission. Regular admission is \$10.00 and Dahl Ford is sponsoring veterans to attend the show for free.

February Event
Show and Tell Luncheon
February 7, 2026
11:30 a.m.

Hickory Gardens
3311 Hickory Grove St
Davenport

Come and share the day with lunch from the menu. I have reserved the back rooms, so there's plenty of room for a big turnout!

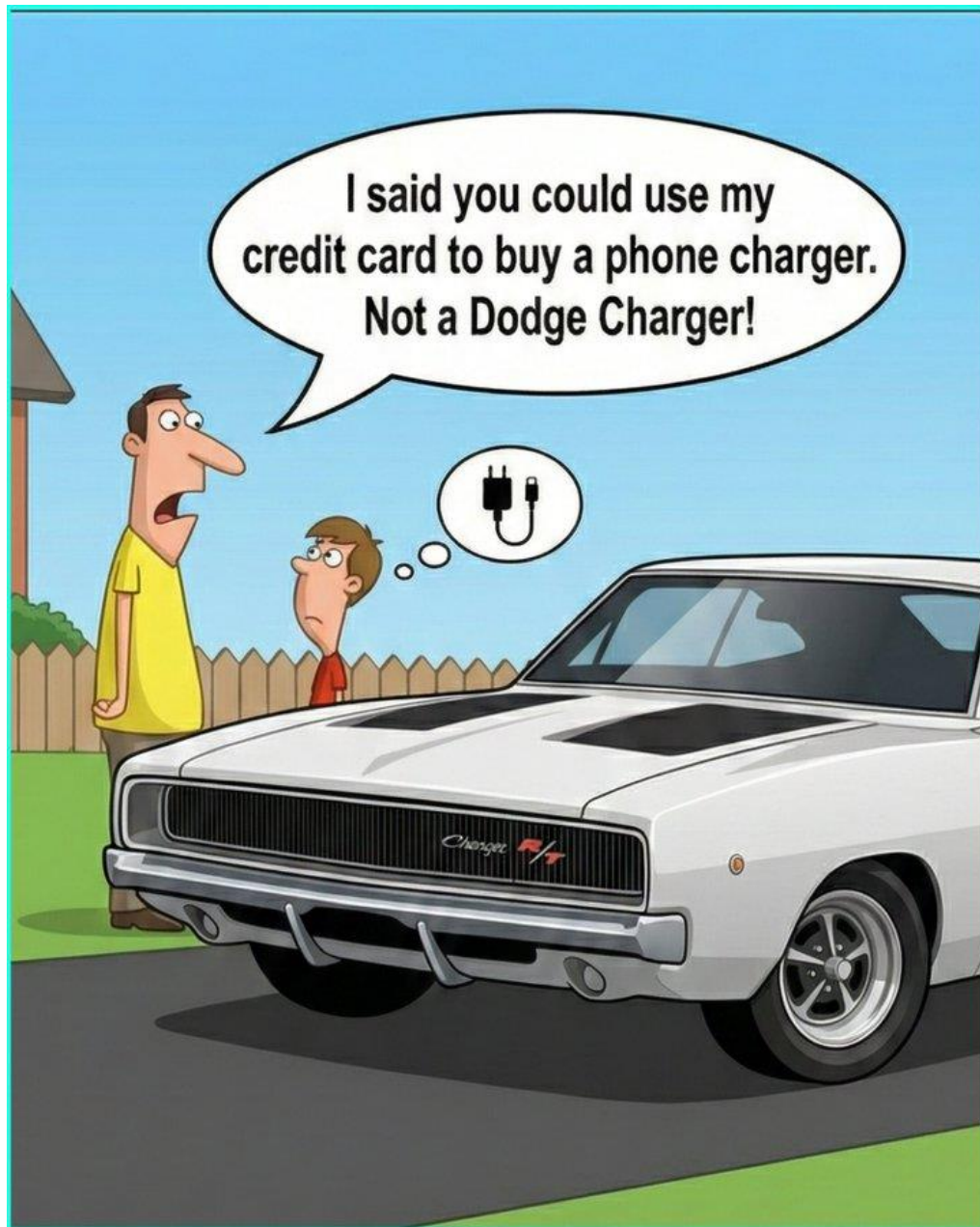
This event is a chance to share anything of interest. It can be a hobby, an item you've been trying to identify, or something car related. It does not have to be car related.

Mark your calendar and let's begin our new year with our new Ford Club members.

If you have any questions, feel free to call me.

Hope to see you all there!

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UPCOMING MVR EVENTS

January 16-18

43rd Annual Rod & Custom Show

Bend XPO, East Moline, IL

February 7th

Show and Tell

11:30 Hickory Gardens Restaurant, Davenport

March 6-8

Quad Cities Regional Auto Show

April 25th

MVR and the Railroading Heritage of Midwest America Present Silvis Train Days

June 7th

Family Day @ West Lake

September 12th

Planes Trains and Automobiles in Geneseo followed by the Johnson's picnic gathering

October 17th

Quad City Concourse, Palmer Hills Golf Course



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