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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2-2026 Notes of Interest

I would like to thank Mike Flaherty for heading up the club's exposure in the Hot Rod Show! Mike had the club table set up with membership info along with his bookmobile and cars from Eric Smith, John Hazen and John Brewer. Also, thanks to all our members who visited and manned our club display greeting the public and answering questions.

Thanks to Jan for the Show and Tell event held at Hickory Gardens and all the members who brought items to speak about and attended.

For March's event we will have two club cars at the New Car show at the Bend. We may also have a drive event towards the end of the month depending on the weather so watch for a blast in your email.

If you would like your garage included in a Garage Tour this year, please contact me.

Also if you have a tour idea or if you would like to plan an event and need assistance, please contact me.

In your Autograf there will be a listing of car shows. If you typically attend an event and see others in the club that typically attend, you may want to contact them so you can park together.

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 March so next meeting will be in April. Thoughts or ideas for your club, please contact me or any of our board members.

Thanks, John



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	MISSISSIPPI VALLEY REGION AACA							
2	BUDGET TO ACTUAL 1/31/26							
3						BUDGET		ACTUAL
4								
5	BEGINNING BALANCE 12/31/25							<u>\$22,708.31</u>
6								
7	INCOME							
8	26 Membership Dues rec'd January '26					\$900.00		\$18.00
9	Banquet fees:					\$600.00		
10	Breakfast non-members					\$50.00		
11	Monthly Event Subsidy					\$2,275.00		
12	Interest: IH \$36.32, int. fr Family: \$116.49					\$700.00		\$152.81
13	(This is with Family 4th qtr added)							
14	TOTAL INCOME					<u>\$4,525.00</u>		<u>\$170.81</u>
15								
16	EXPENSES							
17								
18	Autograph supplies & postage					\$100.00		
19	Sunshine					\$20.00		
20	State of IL Filing Fee					\$10.00		
21	Flyers advertising MVR Club, all advertising					\$100.00		
22	Auto Program Donations					\$250.00		
23	Office Supplies, ck printing, etc.					\$180.00		
24	January (Rod/Custom Show 2026)					\$200.00		
25	February (Show & Tell) no expense					\$75.00		
26	March					\$75.00		
27	April (Railroad tour) no expense					\$75.00		
28	May					\$75.00		
29	June (Family Day Breakfast) dwn pmt					\$90.00		
30	groceries, etc. for Family Day breakfast					\$410.00		
31	July Alpaca tour					\$75.00		
32	August					\$75.00		
33	September					\$75.00		
34	October (Fall Drive)					\$400.00		
35	November (Annual Banquet)					\$2,240.00		
36								
37	TOTAL EXPENSES					<u>\$4,525.00</u>		<u>\$0.00</u>
38								
39								
40	Dues '27 \$64.00 no record except Paul Inman pd to '28							
41	Will make notation annually							
42								
43	ENDING BALANCE 1/31/26							<u>\$22,879.12</u>
44								
45	Actual income rec'd in 2025: \$944.00							
46	Actual mbrshp count is 103, this includes complimentary							
47	members: 8 (95 actual paid members)							
48								

The MVR display at the 2026 Rod & Custom Show in East Moline

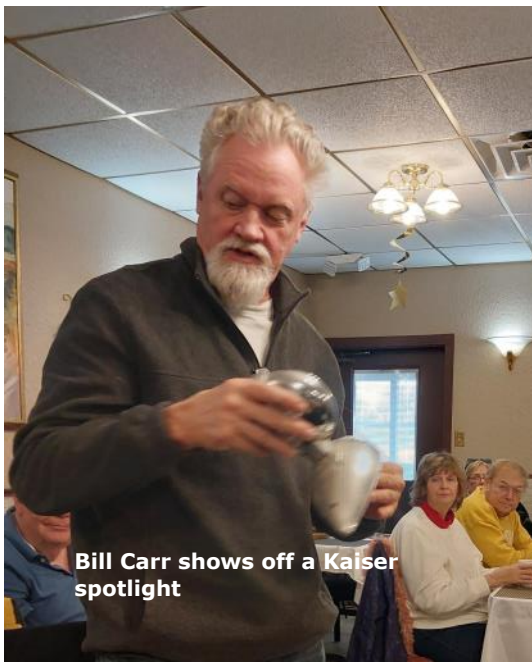


Show and Tell

Annually the MVR holds a Show and Tell day each February. It's a great way to get the club members together and socialize while also sharing our other hobbies.



Jan Brewer shows off a rare accessory to her vast Barbie Doll collection



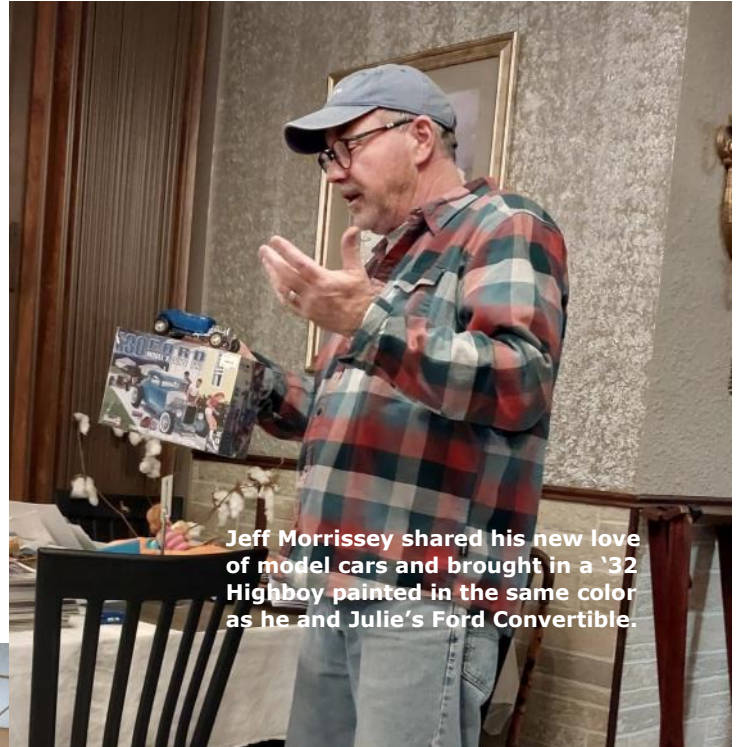
Bill Carr shows off a Kaiser spotlight



Sandy Perry displays a hand-carved & painted wood cane her father brought home from Florida.



Adam Goodwin brought in a miniature model of one of his antique cars



Jeff Morrissey shared his new love of model cars and brought in a '32 Highboy painted in the same color as he and Julie's Ford Convertible.



John Brewer discusses the tooling his company made for cotton harvesting



Eric Smith shows off a Willys-Overland mechanic's cap from 1932

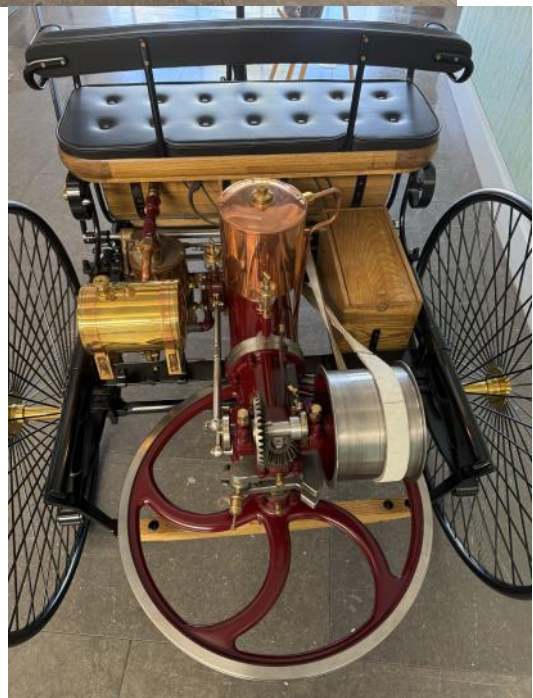


New Member Spotlight

The MVR welcomes Adam Goodwin to the club!
Adam is from Colona and has a 1971 MG-B and
a 1974 MG-B TD

MVR Members Out and About

MVR member Kevin Kelly served as a volunteer at the Arizona Concours D' Elegance in Scottsdale the weekend of January 17-18. Kevin tells us this year's theme was the Mercedes Benz company.



2026 Regional Car Show Calendar

March 27-29 Veterans Car Club at the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds indoor show

April 25 Car Show Ed Morse car dealer in Dewitt

May 2 QC Cruisers Cruise-In Bettendorf HyVee Devils Glenn & Middle Rd

June 13 QC Cruisers Show HyVee in Silvis, IL

June 20 Veterans Car Club Show Eldridge, IA

June 20 Car Show Main St East Moline, IL

June 27 Car Show Wheatland, IA

June 27 Car Show Grand Mound, IA

June 28 Rods on the River Port Byron, IL

July 4 Car Show Buffalo, IA

July 11 Car Show Low Moor, IA

July 12 QC Cruisers Cruise-In HyVee at Northgate E Kimberly Rd Davenport

July 18 Veterans Car Club Show Old Northwest Bank Kimberly Rd Davenport

July 19 Car Show Durant, IA

July 19 Car Show Lost Nation, IA

July 23-25 AACA Spring National Green Bay, WI

August 15 QC Cruiser Cruise-In HyVee Silvis, IL

August 28-29 National Street Rod Association Show Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds

August 29 Veterans Car Club Show Erickson Chevy Milan, IL

August 29 Car Show Aledo, IL

Sept 6 Car Show Orion, IL

Sept 6 Car Show Delmar, IA

Sept 7 Car Show McCausland, IA

Sept 12 Plains Trains & Automobiles Geneseo, IL

Sept 19 QC Cruisers Cruise-In HyVee Silvis, IL

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UPCOMING MVR EVENTS

March 6th-8th. Quad City Regional Auto Show. The MVR will have two vehicles on display.

April 25th. The MVR returns to Silvis for a spring open-house style event with the Railroad-
ing Heritage of Midwest America. More details to follow.



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going to Gilda's club of the Quad Cities:**

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WHEN

Last Tuesday of every month 5:30pm - ???

May 26, 2026

June 30, 2026

July 28, 2026

August 25, 2026

September 29, 2026

WHERE

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