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**March 2026**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

3-2026 Notes of Interest

I would like to thank Mark Lousberg for coordinating our exposure at the New Car Show at The Bend Expo where we displayed two members cars.

Like last year we may have a first drive event towards the end of the month depending on the weather so watch for a Blast in your E-Mail. So, start preparing your cars!

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.

March 27-29 is the indoor Veterans Car Club show at the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds. I believe our chapter QCAFC members will have cars entered there so be sure to attend!

Railroad Heritage of Midwest America will be April 25th in Silvis like last year coordinated by Justin. Look for more info to come how you can participate. It was a great time last year for all!

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



# UPCOMING MVR EVENTS

## Silvis Train Day & Classic Car Show

April 25, 2026

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Join Railroad Heritage of Midwest America (RRHMA) for an unforgettable Train Day & Classic Car Show all day on April 25, 2026! This family-friendly event is packed with excitement, delicious food, and unique experiences celebrating the rich history of railroading and classic automobiles.

Attendees will have the unique opportunity to enjoy train rides behind recently restored ATSF #537, visit a variety of local food trucks, and a variety of craft vendors! For model train enthusiasts, there will be an impressive model train show and many modular layouts on display. Additionally, guests can take self-guided tours of the RRHMA shop, where the iconic Challenger #3985 and #5511 are currently being rebuilt, and have the opportunity to visit one-on-one with our steam locomotive restoration crew for an exclusive look into what it takes to keep these machines moving.

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**VISIT [WWW.RRHMA.COM](http://WWW.RRHMA.COM) FOR MORE INFO!**

**A year ago the MVR partnered with the Railroad Heritage of the Midwest America for a combined car-train show in Silvis. It was a great success so we were doing it again!**

**9:00 A.M. April 25th we will be joining by The QUAD CITY CRUISERS in Silvis for the event.**

**More information to follow.**

## Summers End

Ford Chapter member John Pischke of DeWitt passed away on March 2.

## MVR Members Out and About

For five years the **Quad Cities Regional Auto Show** has asked the MVR to supply antique vehicles for display during the show. This year saw the MVR deliver a 1915 Model T Ford owned by Eric Smith and a 1952 Chevrolet 3800 Pickup owned by Mark Lousberg.



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PAUL WAGNER, Manager

MVR Member Mike Flaherty sent in an "Ice Window Hanger" from an ice supply company in Davenport. The card would be hung in a house window identifying if a large or small block of ice was wanted.

The back of the card showed the company's fleet transition from horse drawn wagons to trucks.

Thanks Mike!



## 2026 Regional Car Show Calendar

March 27-29 Veterans Car Club at the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds indoor show  
April 25th Railroading Heritage of Midwest America, MVR and Quad Cities Cruisers Show, Silvis  
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  
Julu 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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**June 30, 2026**

**July 28, 2026**

**August 25, 2026**

**September 29, 2026**

**WHERE**

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