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August 1st. - HANGAR TOUR / GARAGE TOUR / COOK OUT
Organized by Fred Bartemeyer and Jim Smith

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SABBE CHICKEN-OWL SURPRISE TOUR AND DINNER FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

WHEW! Finally, the Sabbe Fun Drive is over. As far as I know, no one was injured. Thanks to all who took part. Great turn out and with the exception of "you went too slow" and "took too long to eat", I think most had fun. Please consider planning a tour next car season. Let's drive around more but don't go too slow!! *The Sabbes*

Kay & I were unable to join the Sabbe drive but heard it was a great success with 40 members attending! We heard the only issue was when everyone was leaving, Dick and his son Steve were arguing in the parking lot about which way to go to get home and someone called the cops. When they arrived, Lady Di made some sort of hand gesture at one of the officers and was immediately arrested! The picture at right is from the police car dash camera and shows Lady Di being "cuffed & stuffed". So it seems it was a typical Sabbe Fun Drive. Sorry we missed it.

Jim & Kay



MVR's Annual September
Steak Fry hosted by Jim Smith
Sunday, Sept. 27
IEBW Hall, 1700 52nd Ave., Moline
Arrive and display your car from 1-4
4 pm— We Eat

Menu:
Ribeye Steak
Or Chicken Breast
Salads and dessert

Remember to bring an item for the White Elephant Sale

It doesn't have to be car related, just something our members may be interested in.

2015 MVR CHAPTER EVENTS

Monthly Activities:

Sept. 27th - Steak Fry hosted by Jim Smith

Oct. 17-18 - Fall Drive (Grinnell, Iowa) hosted by John & Jan Brewer (see page 6 for details)

Nov. 14th - Fall Banquet hosted by John Brewer

From Your President



Wow September where has this summer gone. Now that my rental property is rented hopefully there is time to put my feet up once and a while. We had a great turn out for the inaugural football game of the Moline Universal Tractors and the Rock Island Independents'. As the letter published in the newsletter, we tried every way possible to cheer on the Moline Universal Tractors. Keeping with the long ago history of Rock Island and John Looney, we did attempt a bribe at half time but to no avail. I think that Stu Etheridge and Jess Hanson were more into the Refs sharing their medicinal flasks from their back pockets. Seemed like each one had one. Sorry that every car could not attend since this game was to be played under the late teens and early twenties rules. It was fun to watch none the less.

The Sabbe's Friday Night Tour did take us through the fields and countryside on the most beautiful night. We had a very large crowd of cars and people with veteran wagon master Dick Sabbe in the lead on a route mapped by Lady Di. Although Happy Joe's in Coal Valley didn't come through with their promises, we had time to catch up on important matters and gossip during the wait. There were enough hills that you could see our vehicles stretched from top to bottom. Remember we don't care what you drive, just participate.

Mary B

The Family of Barbara Dunsworth requests the honor of your presence at an Open House to celebrate her 80th Birthday on Sunday, September 20, 2015 from 1:00pm - 4:00pm at the Long Grove Community Center, 114 N. First Street, Long Grove, Iowa.

(In lieu of other gifts, Barb would greatly appreciate seeing you bring one of your classic cars to the Open House and/or receiving greeting cards and any photographs of past Club outings)

The Club will have positions open for the 2016 MVR Board. If you are interested in becoming a Board Member please contact your favorite Board member for full details.

MVR Board Meeting

ACA Board Meeting - September Meeting
September 2, 2015

Butterworth Center, Moline IL

Present:

Mary Bartemeyer, President
Dick Perry, Past President
Barb Hansen, Treasurer
Jan Brewer, Secretary
Jim & Kay Scott, Editors
Gary Gleason, Board Member
Jess Hansen, Board Member
Gary Smith, Board Member
Jim Smith, Board Member

Absent:

John Brewer, Vice President
Fred Bartemeyer, Board Member
Steve Sabbe, Board Member

Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Pres. Bartemeyer

Minutes:

A motion was made and passed approving the August minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasury report was given by Treas. Hansen. Report will be filed for audit.

Sunshine: none

Roster: none

Membership: none

Web Master: none

Historian: none

Old Business:

Sabbe's Friday Night Cruise was a huge success attracting approx.. 40 people.

New Business:

Elections for office are coming up for Vice Pres, Sec, and 3 Board Members. Anyone is eligible to run. Pres. Bartemeyer will not be in town for the October meeting. The Autograf will be coming out early in September. It will be sent out a little later in October due to the Fall Tour. Four new memberships to be given out were received from the National. Steakfry is this month. A motion was made and passed to purchase water and soda for the auction. Sec. Brewer summarized the Fall Tour. The Flemish Fest committee has again asked us to bring cars to the fest. No report given on banquet.

Motion made and approved to adjourn meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Submitted by: Jan Brewer, Secretary

August event - HANGAR TOUR /
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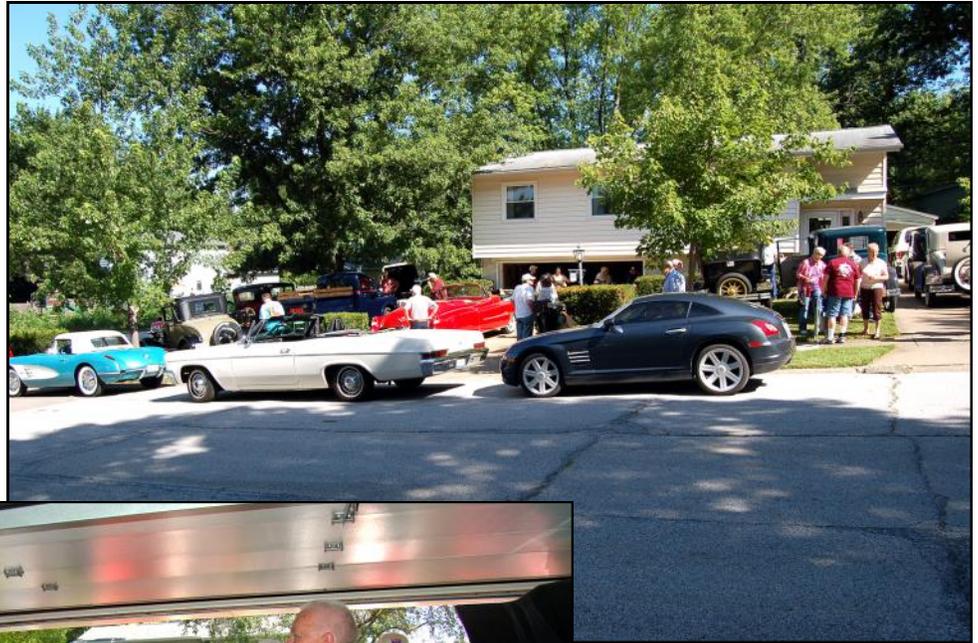


Our first stop was the Davenport
Airport for "Donuts & Planes"

We ended up at Jim
Smiths place for a
great lunch.

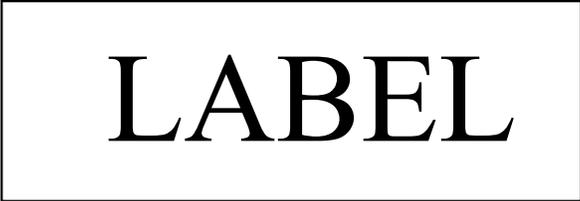
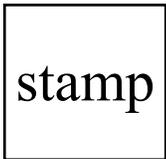


Our second stop was at President Mary's house. Fred spoke on the history of the cars in her basement & garage.



I think John Brewer ended up taking this one home with him.





Thank you to the MVR members who showed their cars during the vintage football game played in Douglas Park on Aug. 23rd. We appreciate the turnout and the wonderful display of vintage clothing. The organizers were delighted with the added atmosphere! *Sandy & Dick Perry*

ANNUAL FALL TOUR OCTOBER 17 & 18, 2015

We have a great fall tour lined up!!! We will be traveling Highway 6 to Grinnell, Iowa and back. One-way mileage is approx. 120 miles, traveling an average of 45-50 mph with frequent stops along the way. Motel reservations must be made by **Oct. 1st** by calling Best Western Pioneer Inn at 1-641-236-6116. (Mention AACA –auto club.) Rooms are \$89.99 plus tax. Watch for e-mails from me with additional info such as mileage/menus/leaving times, etc. Please phone or e-mail me if you plan on going so I can put you on the list...the sooner, the better!
Jan Brewer (Ph: 563-340-8516 / Email: leesonrifd@aol.com)

Saturday, Oct. 17

Leaving from Big K parking lot at Kimberly Rd and Fairmont, Davenport

WEST LIBERTY, IA Fred's Feed Store – donuts and juice — CORALVILLE, IA Automobile Museum – free admission

Lunch at Flannigan's / Iowa River Power Restaurant (order off menu)

MARENGO, IA Pit stop at Casey's Gas Mart — BROOKLYN, IA Visit vintage service gas station and walk to Avenue of Flags and quaint downtown area to stretch our legs! (All within a few block area)

GRINNELL, IA Lodging at Best Western Pioneer Inn — Dining choices – Pizza Ranch or Grinnell Family Steakhouse & Bar www.grinnellsteakhouse.com

Sunday, Oct 18th

GRINNELL, IA Breakfast, visit Iowa Transportation Museum at the old Spaulding Auto Factory

MARENGO, IA Pioneer County Historical Museum – free admission

AMANA COLONIES Lunch at Ox Yoke Inn – Family style / served at tables, then on your own to visit Amana or continue home.

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TIFFIN Ice cream shop just coming into Tiffin.

THIS MONTHS MEMORABILIA RELATES TO THE Mitchell Wagons the forerunner of the automobiles

Submitted by Don Mitchell

As you may or may not know Henry Mitchell came to the US in 1834 via New York and then on to Ft Dearborn which became Chicago. He brought his tools with him and was a wheelwright. Henry began making wagons and for some reason decided he did not like his location maybe because of the population of 300 and in 1838 he made a move to Southport which is now Kenosha, Wi and continued his manufacture of wagons know as the “ Monarch of the Road “ which is said to be because of the reputation of being light and graceful on the road. In 1855 Henry moved his family to Racine reportedly because of the availability of wood. The photos displayed are from the Mitchell and Mitchell Lewis wagon companies and are trade cards, all original traded from the Heritage Museum in Racine and some from EBAY.



I do have some individual ones but most are sets with a theme. Also in my collection is a very large collection of original black and white photos of which is likely every version of wagon they produced, maybe a salesman's packet ? At any rate that is another story for another day.

I have them all framed and they make a very beautiful wall display for everyone to enjoy. This series says Mitchell wagon stands at the head of the race with different subjects as I can figure out Baseball, Target Shooting, Rowing and finally fishing.



The cards to the left say, "The Mitchell Farm and Spring Wagons can not be improved" and are children depicted in various scenes.

The single card above depicts a salesman delivering goods with the coffee sack leaking out the back!

Don Mitchell









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I think John Brewer ended up taking this one home with him.

