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Comments from our Grand National Meet are still flowing in. I'm sure that they realize how much planning and thought goes into holding a Meet of that caliber but from their point of view it ran seamlessly. Again, thanks to all those who worked so diligently to make it so and you will see the fruits of their efforts in the upcoming months.

Although our year is winding down, there are still some great events going on. The Porch Party at The Butterworth Complex this weekend; Cars and Ice Cream continues on Sunday, September 24th at Country Style Ice Cream in East Moline; and we have a fall drive in October that should be at the peak of leaf season. After that our Annual Banquet always a good meal and fun.

I'm off and running to Hershey the first week of October. As of yesterday, they had 943 cars registered for show day. On Tuesday there is going to be a huge Library Sale. AACA has been given a lot of literature from the Philadelphia Library, the Smithsonian, and large member donations which have been compared with what was already on the shelves and the duplicate documents are being sold. Looks to be a big sale that Fred and I are helping with. Wednesday and Thursday I put on my hiking shoes and back pack to hit the flea market and car corral. Always something comes home, hopefully not from the car corral. It seems there is always that one piece that you cannot do without.

Keep the rubber side down, see you soon.



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AACA Minutes September 6, 2023

Present: M. Bartemeyer, Pres., J. Brewer, V. Pres., G. Gleason, Treas., J. Brewer, Sec.

Board Members: M. Flaherty, S. Etheridge, M. Lousberg, F. Bartemeyer, E. Smith, and one vacancy

Minutes: A motion was made and approved to accept August minutes as printed.

**Treasury:** A treasury report was given by G. Gleason and will be filed for audit.

**Sunshine:** A Get Well card was sent to Wayne Scherer.

**Roster:** Nothing new.

**Membership:** There are 7 new memberships and a motion was made and approved to accept them into the

club. We have 154 members to date.

**Web Master:** Nothing new. **Historian:** Nothing new.

**New Business:** A motion was made to send the Johnsons a check for \$50 to help cover expenses for their annual picnic they provide for members the day of the Geneseo Planes, Trains and Automobiles car show. The Butterworth Porch Party is coming up next week.

There will be several vacant Board positions for the 2024/25 period. We discussed mailing out postcards for the method of voting. We need people to fill the position of Secretary and a few Board Members. Members need to spread the work around. We need others to step up and serve a term which consists of a monthly meeting that generally lasts an hour.

**Old Business:** Eric Smith's open house was a success and a delicious pulled pork meal was enjoyed by all who attended.

**Sept. 17th -** Butterworth Center Porch Party - Noon to 5 p.m.

Oct. 14th - Big River State Forest drive by M. Lousberg. Details to come and please RSVP.

Nov. 11th - Annual Banquet (Brewers) Details to come.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:33.

Jan Brewer, Secretary

### **Elections are coming up in November.**

VP John Brewer, Secretary Jan Brewer, Board members Eric Smith and Stu Etheridge are up for re-election The term is two years, 2024-2025.

We also have a vacant board seat for the next two years.

Please consider volunteering in your club!

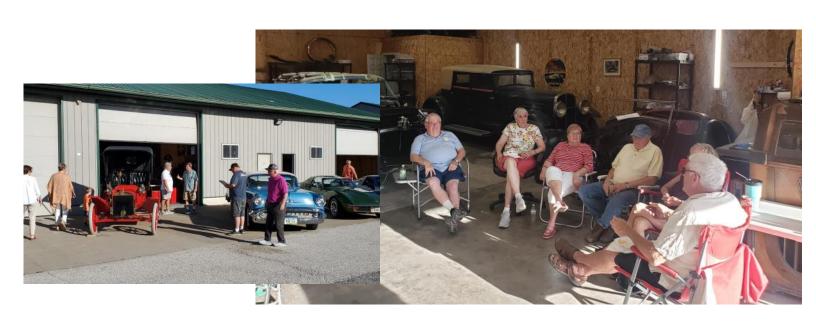


On September 2nd MVR Member Eric Smith held an open house at his restoration shop in Coal Valley. It was a gorgeous day and everyone that attended was well fed by Eric. He provided pulled pork, baked beans, potato salad and refreshments.

Attendees were also able to see Eric's ongoing commissioned projects.







The Maple Leaf City Cruisers car club and the Geneseo Chamber of Commerce presented the Trains, Planes, and Automobiles car show on September 9, 2023 in downtown Geneseo, IL. with over 350 entries



MVR members who displayed cars were: Jan and John Brewer (1978 Auburn 866): Jim Conrad (1975 Nova SS); Mark Copeland ( Merkur); Dave and Donna Evans (1948 Hudson Hornet); Tim Drain (1968 Jaguar XKE); Janice and Tony Drain (1964 Pontiac LeMans GTO);



Two of the show's sponsors selected the Brewers and Mr. Copeland to each receive an award. The car club presented the Etheridge's the Best of Show Car Award.





Following the show, Audry and Michael Birmingham, along with Sandy and John O'Neill, and Carol and Claire Pearson joined the group for a picnic at the Johnsons.

Thank-you to the Johnsons for their hospitality, shaded lawn, delicious food, and drinks. Fun was had by everyone.

-Jim Conrad



### **Welcome these New Members to the MVR!**

Joe & Deanna Creek 1952 Chevrolet 3100 Pickup
Gregory Currens 1979 Chevrolet Camaro Z28
Ty Cutkomp & Ann Knehl-Cutkomp 1949 Fargo Truck
William & Donna Webb 1951 Mercury Sedan, 1985 Buick Riviera
Tamara Houseman 1967 Chevrolet Camaro, 1967 Plymouth GTX, 1977 Ford
F150, 1956 Chevrolet Nomad

David & Kathy Huff 1978 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme Brougham

Justin Landwehr & Dave Husted 1955 Ford Thunderbird,

1977 Lincoln Continental, 1978 Ford Thunderbird, 1978 Lincoln Continental

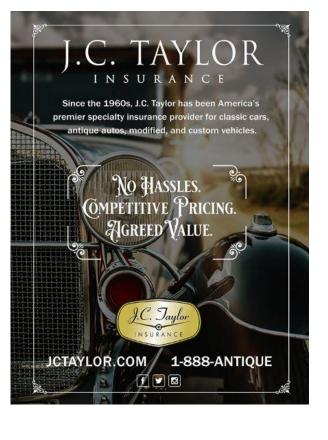
Mark V, 1979 Lincoln Continental Mark V, 1979 Lincoln Continental



On September 3, 2023, the town of Orion IL. celebrated their Fall Festival which included a Car Show. Local MVR members of the AACA receiving Award Plaques were: Jim Taylor (1964 Mercury Comet)....Best Ford; Janice and Verle Jacobs (1970 Chevelle SS)....Best GM; Kathleen and Stu Etheridge (1917 Brewster Knight)....Best Pre-War.

Other MVR members displaying close runner-ups were: Sandy and John O'Neill (1970 Oldsmobile Station wagon), Tom Durbin (1942 Ford military jeep), and Jim Conrad (1975 Nova SS).

-Jim Conrad.



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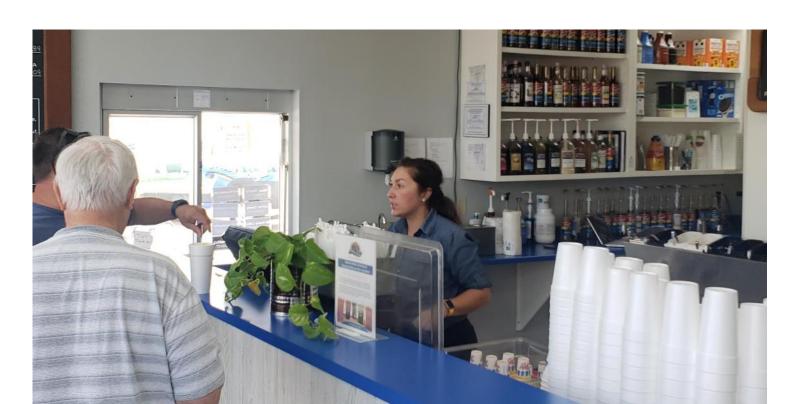
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The August Cars and Ice Cream was a very well attended event with a couple of new members and several guests to include one man who was driving by and decided to join us in his limited production 2019 Ram Rebel truck.

I was so deep into several conversations I neglected to take pictures! My apologies to all.

Please join us at our next and final Cars and Ice Cream for the season on Sunday, 9/24 at 3:30pm at Country Style Ice Cream in East Moline on Kennedy Ave.



## **Upcoming MVR Events**

# The MVR October Driving Event is on Saturday the 14th.

We will meet at 9:45 for a tour of Felix's 1932 Skelly Station located at 820 5th Avenue Moline. Felix will give a tour of the station and the memorabilia he's collected.

After the station visit we will tour to Big River State Park for a cookout in the Shady Pines South
Shelter.



The park address is 1337 Township Road 2850N Keithsburg, IL. Our driving route will take us South on Turkey Hollow Road, through Aledo South on Route 94 then a Western turn at Bald Bluff onto Township Road 2650 N. Maps will be handed out prior to departure.

RSVP is a must so I know how much food to buy. Please RSVP by October 11th.

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### Cars and Ice Cream 2023

Cars and Ice Cream for September will be at 3:30 PM on the 24th.

Our new location is the COUNTRY STYLE ICE CREAM located at 4115 Kennedy Drive, East Moline.

See you there!



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## Automotive History in September

September 3, 1875 Ferdinand Porsche is born September 4, 1917 Henry Ford II was born

September 5, 1885 Sylvanus Bowser manufactures the first gasoline pump in Fort Wayne, Indiana

September 7, 1979 Chrysler Corporation receives a government bailout September 16, 1908 General Motors is incorporated as GM by William Durant. September 25th, 1926 Henry Ford cuts the work day to 8 hours and doubles his workers pay





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