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Sunday April 14th saw a beautiful day in the Quad Cities. Gathered on that afternoon were 30 members of the MVR taking part in a Pot Luck Lunch and viewing an excellent program about the early days of our club put together by club historian Gary Gleason.



During the program special recognition was given to the long time members of the MVR. Fifty Year Members in attendance were Otto & Jan Patting, Wayne Scherer, Ron & Nola Gottschalk, and Sharon Hoaglund.



MVR Member Sharon Hoaglund receives her 50 Year Pin from club president Mary Bartemeyer during the Pot Luck event.

MVR Member Clair Pearson reports **John Nickodym** has an upcoming auction. Many of our members know John as a center of knowledge on the Velie automobile as well as the owner of Velie #001. John will be selling some of his cars plus a lot of literature and memorabilia relating to Velie, Moline, Moline-Knight, and R&V Knight cars.

The collection will be sold by the Kraft Auction facility at Valparaiso, Indiana, October 25-26, 2024 Details will be posted soon at kraftauctions.com

Below is John's announcement as printed in the Velie Newsletter.

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In 1997 I was visiting with a fellow John Deere tractor collector, Charlie Sharp, from Chase, Kansas about my desire to purchase an early touring car. Charlie told me that since I was a John Deere collector I should purchase a Velie car. He had two Velie cars in his collection, a 1922 model 58 sport touring, and a 1925 model 60 sedan parts car. Charlie gave me Bob Nelson's contact information, so I got ahold of him and he told me of a couple of Velies for sale, however, they were sedans and I was looking for a touring car. I subscribed to the Velie Newsletter and soon there was a 1918 model 38 touring car listed for sale by Fred Brand in Frontinac, Kansas. It was just what I was looking for and not that far from home. Fred had restored the car in the 1960's and driven it extensively on tours for a number of years but it had been sitting in his shed for about 10 years and it was time for him to sell. I purchased the car and went to southeast Kansas and trailered it home.

At that time Velie owners were meeting at the annual Chickasha, Oklahoma, swap meet. I started attending this and got acquainted with Bob Nelson and Chuck Hoaglund as well as many other Velie owners. My interest in collecting, driving, and showing early cars grew rapidly. In 1998 I purchased a John Deere tractor in Portland, OR and decided to purchase a 1928 6-66 sedan and 1927 model 60 slant-windshield sedan in Washington. I made a trip to pick up my purchases and visit with other Velie owners. On this trip I visited Martin Mueller who owned the first Velie, Old Maud. He said that he was possibly considering selling her but the price was a bit out of my reach at that time.

A couple years later I was able to make a deal to purchase Maud, so, my wife and I made another trip to Portland to pick her up. I was getting serious into collecting Velie cars.

I continued to add to my collection and then saw that it might be possible to obtain one of each year of Velie automobile produced. In 2016 I achieved this goal. I do not have a 1916 model-year Velie but none of these exist. When I moved to Grand Island, NE, in 2020 I purchased a commercial building that was previously a 32-lane bowling center with the idea of displaying my car collection there. In the process of developing the property into housing lots I created a plan to remodel the building into an event center with a portion of the facility to be used as a car museum. The current economy has created major delays in the housing development and caused me to abandon my plans for the event center/car museum. This has forced me to evaluate what to do with my car collection leading to the decision to significantly reduce my collection and get down to a more manageable number of cars. I will be keeping Maud and the cars that I am actively touring with as well as a lot of project cars that I will continue to work on. I will be selling a large portion of my collection of Velie literature and memorabilia. The time is right for me to pass these items onto their next caretakers. I have thoroughly enjoyed putting this collection together and am also excited to see things be passed on to others that will actively enjoy ownership. I will continue to manage the Velie Registry and produce the Velie Newsletter. I have an extensive collection of information that was begun by Bob Nelson, Chuck Hoaglund, and Don Paul

Upcoming MVR Events

May 11th. Drive & Picnic hosted by Kathy & Stu Etheridge Meet at Southpark Mall by the Office Max. Departure is 10:00 A.M. Pack your own picnic basket for a lunch in Cambridge. Following lunch there will be a tour of a private collection.

June 1st, Family Day, West Lake Park

June 14th, 2PM Friendship Manor Car Show






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When people see my cars they think I'm rich. The truth is I'm just irresponsible....

-Anonymous

When the wife is mad at you go buy another antique car. She'll still be mad but at least you'll have another car.

-Anonymous and living in the garage

MVR member Clair Pearson has an acquaintance with a 1964 Ford Galaxy 500 with a 4-Speed that the gentleman bought new. The engine and transmission were pulled out for a rebuild and now need to be installed. He is looking to hire out the work. If you know of someone who could do the job please contact Clair.

The **Quad City Mopar Club** and **Crabby's Bar & Grill**

2024 monthly Cruise-Ins Schedule

This is open to all Makes & Models

May 28, 2024

June 25, 2024

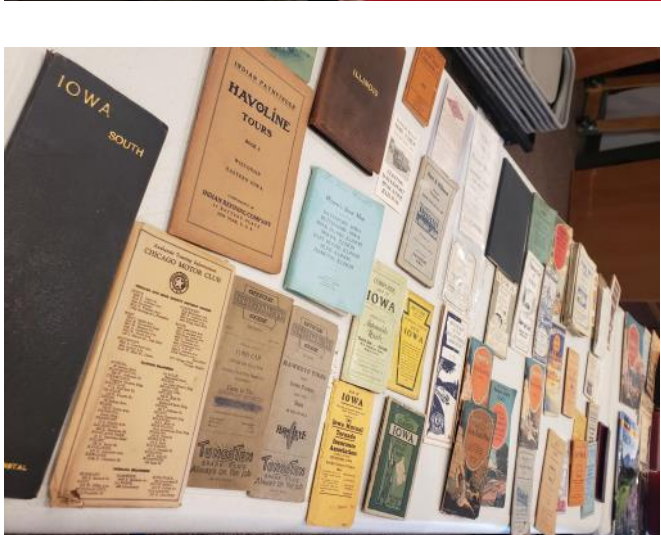
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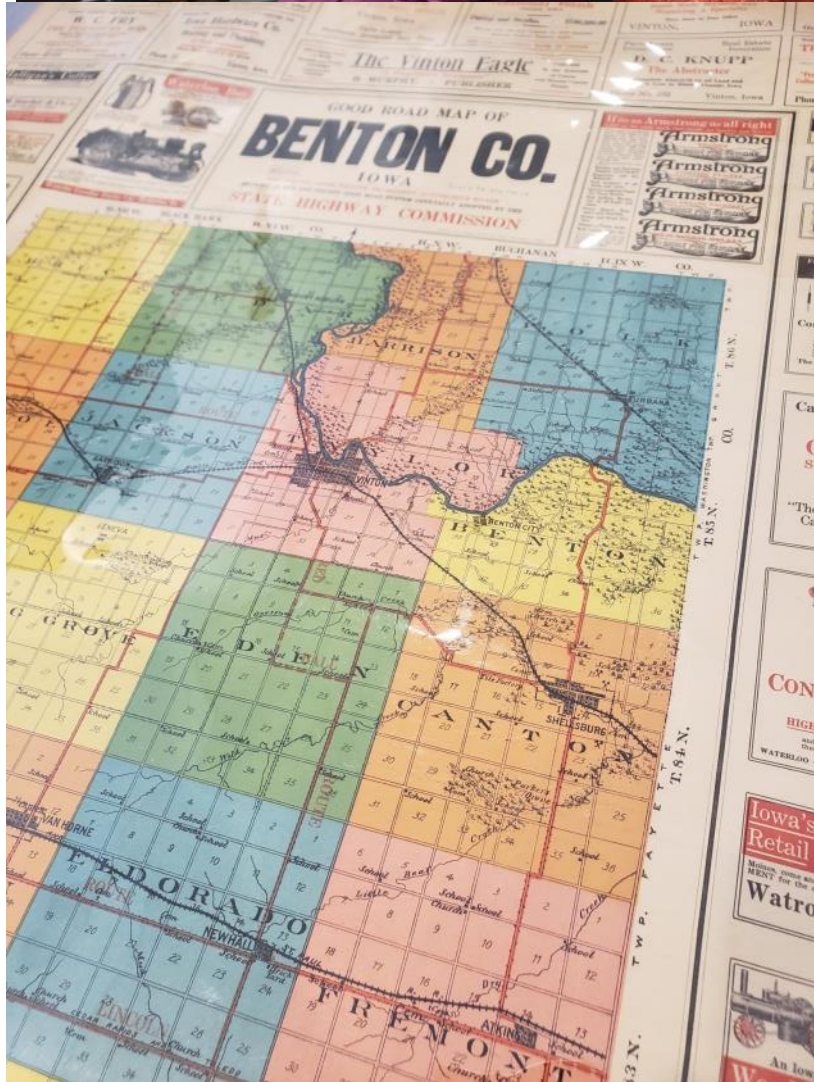
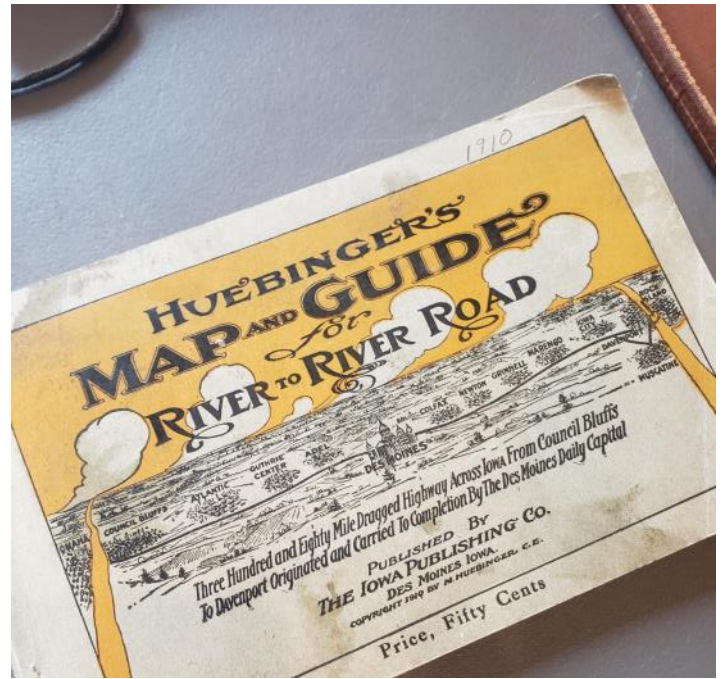
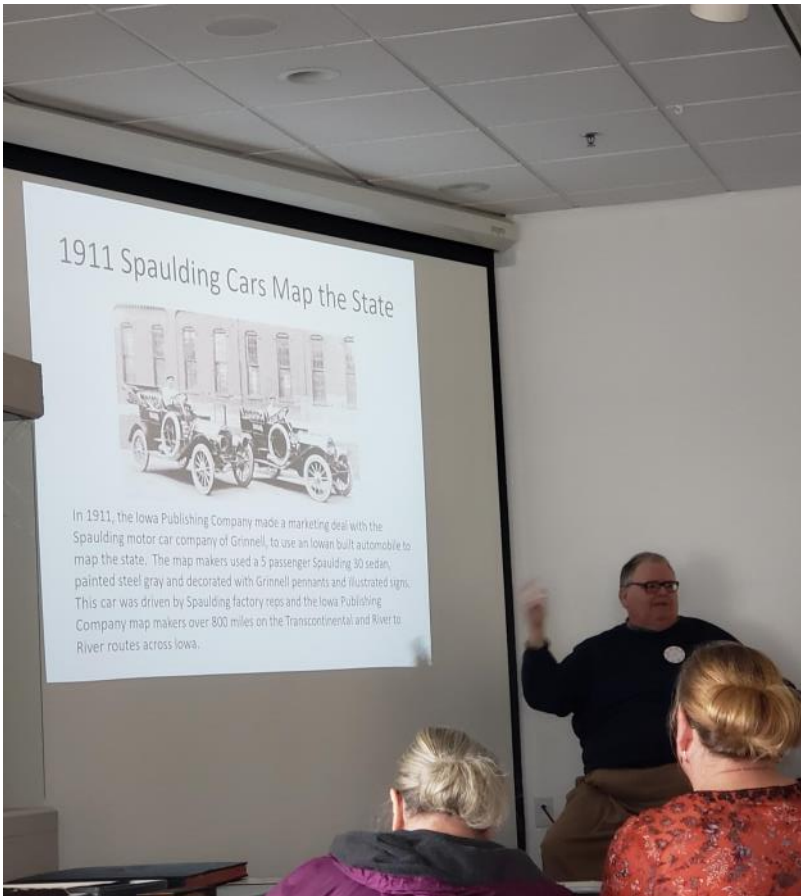
August 27, 2024

September 24, 2024

Sunday, March 24th , MVR member Mike Flaherty gave a presentation at the German American Heritage Center on the making of the first automobile atlas of Iowa by local Davenport cartographer Melchoir Huebinger.

It was a full crowd at the event, browsing through Mike's extensive map collection, followed by his orated narrative.





A Chevy Truck Story

Some of you may be wondering why you haven't seen my 1952 Chevrolet pickup since the Fall Drive in 2022. When I bought that truck out of the front of a farm field twenty years ago, I was able to get the engine running. The block sported a rebuilt tag from a company identifying it had been bored .40 over and converted from babbitt bearings to inserts.



As the years went by it became harder to start the truck. The engine began burning more oil and had below spec oil pressure. So in the fall of 2023 I decided it was time to refresh the engine. And that started a series of events.

MVR member Eric Smith was hired to pull the engine and get it to a shop. Eric accomplished that promptly. *And then things got worse.* The shop reported a cracked head. *And then things got worse.* We found the cylinders had no cross-hatch left, confirming the source of the oil consumption. *And then things got worse.* The cylinders were badly coned out, and with the holes having previously been bored .40 over, left not enough block material to bore again.

We discussed sleeving the cylinders... Then I had an idea. When I restored that truck I was dealing with it being a one-ton which is not frequently chosen for restoration and thus few parts sources. Fortunately I'd found Tom Myers Truck Parts in Miami, Oklahoma.

Tom had been collecting Advanced Design and later Chevrolet trucks since the early 1970s and he had a ready supply of parts for 1/2 ton, 3/4 ton and 1 ton vehicles both Chevrolet and GMC. From Tom I was able to get five of the original 17 inch split rims, the correct chrome hubcaps to fit those wheels, an outside cab visor and an original defrost control cable and mounting bracket.

I called Tom and learned that he had recently had a couple of sales and the yard wasn't what it used to be. He still had some engines though so I gave him the block casting numbers for a 216

Chevrolet one-ton. He called back the next day and of course, he had one. He was even able to crank it over by hand.



Photo by Kevin Kvittman



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Plans were set and I made the eight hour trek to Miami, Oklahoma.

The town of Miami is called home by a population of 12,913 people. Miami was on the original Route 66 and proudly boasts of that fact. The downtown is very clean with many original buildings still in great shape. Many of the stores are devoted to Route 66 tourism.

Route 66 was the first planned road and the first specifications called for it to be eighteen feet wide. This particular section though is only nine feet wide and the only such piece left in existence.



Historic Ribbon Road Section of Route 66



Historic Coleman Theater in Miami, OK. Built in 1929

At 8AM I arrived to get my "new" engine. Besides the trucks, the first thing I noticed was a black cat climbing across the tops of stacked parts.

After the engine was checked out, Tom Myers took me on a historic tour. While we were driving a customer from Florida called asking questions about an electrical problem on his late fifties Chevy truck. Tom diagnosed it over the phone solidifying my opinion of his expertise.

Later before I left representatives from Jim Carter Truck Parts came for parts. Tom is truly a significant resource in the Chevy Truck World.

-Mark



The Old Gas Station Page

Focusing on Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois, look out for such relics while driving and send in a photo along with the location.

This station is located on US 67 at the corner of 35th Street in Bettendorf, IA. Anyone know the owner?

Thanks -Mark



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