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**MVR Display with Member's Cars this weekend at the 2022 Rod 'N' Custom Auto Show**





## Special Appreciation

We have some members that are due a special thank you for all their past positions in our club.

Dick Perry has served MVR as President, Vice President, Past President, Secretary, Board member and Autograf co-editor for a total of 22 years. In addition, he served as Registrar for the 2001 Grand National and several National meets following.

Sandy Perry served MVR as Secretary in the past and as the current temporary Secretary when needed and as Autograf co-editor (7 years)

Both are creating an opportunity for more social activities within our club that we look forward to this year!

Also a big thank you to Alan Ford, Jim Conrad and Gary Smith for all the years of serving as board members and their continuing help in our activities!!!

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# What does a SCAM look like?

The world-wide web is a wonderful thing bringing information, communication, education and so many opportunities for users. It also brings dangers. All too often people are getting scammed on the internet when attempting to make a purchase.

John Brewer forwarded the letter below for all to see and learn from. This is the classic "Car for Sale" scam. Vague information, unable to communicate directly and third parties are all things that should raise a red flag.

Hello,

Please excuse my late reply, but I have limited Internet access due to long working hours.

My vehicle is still available for sale and the price is \$38,380 .What I can tell you about the vehicle is that the title is clear, no malfunctions or errors whatsoever.I am the second owner of the vehicle. The vehicle is accident free.

Because of my current situation, I am a Marine, being currently deployed in Kuwait, I have decided to use the services of a shipping company to help me sell my vehicle.

I will be abroad until December 2022.

If you need any more details or more photos, I will be happy to help. I ask just for patience in getting a reply.

## [Mining for New Members](#)

I have been requested by AACA National Board member Fred Trusty to write an article about attracting new club members. Unfortunately, the subject is tough for me to think about, as I have been a lifelong AACA member. I attended my first AACA event at about six months old and our family's lifestyle has always revolved around the car hobby. Very rarely has my leisure time and vacations not been focused around preparing for and attending a car meet.

My grandfather officially started the family out in the AACA in the late fifties making me a third generation AACA member. Starting out very young, I was taught the car culture that developed in to a passion that currently consumes most of my daily thought process. With that in mind Fred and I brainstormed the idea that maybe I should divert to write about "What the AACA means to me" as a longtime seasoned member. With out hesitation, I can honestly say that it is all about THE CARS.

Reflecting back on the decades of attending AACA events and meets, I cannot remember one single time where I did not see something that I have never seen before or learned something new about the wide variety of automotive history. The most noteworthy experience of an AACA meet is seeing in person that obscure automobile that most people only hear about or see in a magazine. One of my earliest memories was standing face to face with the brass hubcap of a teens era Oldsmobile Limited that had wheels (42") as tall as a house to me. As a kid, I owned hundreds of die-cast cars and most importantly built more model cars than I could ever remember which transitioned in to way to many full size versions.

Another influence that fine-tuned my automotive aptitudes was that my Father owned and operated an automotive restoration shop. I saw first hand as a kid the blood sweat and tears involved in re-viving a neglected near hunk of scrap turned in to a Senior Grand National Award winner. In a nutshell, the aspect of assembling cars whether they were plastic model kits or helping Dad out in the shop putting the real thing together consumed my childhood. This point directly translates to the theme of the article; IT IS ALL ABOUT THE CARS!

In my adult life, the car hobby burns strong, almost to a fault. I find it very easy to neglect some major responsibilities to spend time with the car hobby. My background has taught me the importance of documentation and being able to recognize a significant vehicle including the responsibility of keeping a pristine automobile show quality. The AACA show fields over the years have afforded me the opportunity to interact with the people who think the same way I do. Being able to have a conversation with a person who has spent their hard earned dollars and every last spare minute to personally restore the car of their dreams to perfection is what captivates my attention most when attending a AACA meet. Discussing the trials and tribulations of finding parts and figuring out what the correct method of restoration and assembly make it well worth the investment of attending.

One of my greatest joys for me is driving the car that I just spent countless hours preparing for judging on to the show field and receiving compliments from the spectators. Meeting people who carry the same passion as I do reassures me that the way I perceive the car hobby is valid.

In addition to attending and participating in the AACA meets, I started into the AACA judging system. Participating in the AACA judging system has played a major part in satisfying my need to be around the cars and the people who share my train of thought. Over the years, I have been able to achieve Team Captain status, had the honor of being Chief Judge at two meets, serve on the HPOF committee and assist with various duties at our yearly annual meeting. Once again, adding the judging experience on top of an AACA meet provides me with an experience that keeps me actively interested and involved at a level a notch above walking around a car show.

With all of this said, I still cannot pinpoint a suggestion as to what the answer is to attracting a new member. Maybe my influence to the car hobby by showing off the passion might rub off on to an unsuspecting person who in turn becomes more actively involved and ultimately acquires the car of their dreams. The problem I see most is that times are certainly changing and the attitudes towards the car hobby are different than the car culture that I grew up in. With the changing environment of the car hobby, I have high hopes of assisting in the future, our great car club in to the transition of keeping up with the current methods that our younger generation perceives as an organization that they can be as proud of as I am.

*Fred Bartemeyer*

*Mississippi Valley Region*

*Midwest Fiero Clubs Region*



# Tec Tips from Steve

Here's one that many have questions on.

## Can You Use Synthetic Oil In A Classic Car?

There's a lot of debate in the classic car community about whether or not it's a good idea to switch from conventional to synthetic oil in an older, classic car. And since synthetic oils are higher quality, you might be tempted to switch over. But there are some caveats for switching that have to do with the additives in the oil.

It used to be that the experts would recommend, for any older vehicle, not to switch from conventional to synthetic. This advice was based on concerns about synthetic oils containing ester compounds that might interact adversely with engine seals in cars that were higher mileage, causing oil leaks.

Today, these concerns aren't really valid any more. Automotive experts now recommend that you can seamlessly switch from conventional to synthetic without worrying about oil seal wear.

That's what they recommend for "older" cars. What about classic cars? Classic car owners need to be sure they're making the right decision when it comes to their classic car's oil.

Indeed, these experts have different recommendations for classic cars. Classic cars may still have potential issues handling the modern additives load that all synthetic oils come with. The detergent package is a key part of this. Modern oils are really good at keeping engine surfaces clean and clear of sludge buildup, in part because of their advanced detergent and dispersant packages. Classic car engines, with their old school lubricating systems, never had to account for the cleaning effects of their motor oils.

In older cars made before 1990, they actually want some formation and buildup of engine sludge. Their oil seals and gaskets may not be as tight as in newer cars. Sludge will form over time in the engine environment and collect along these areas, effectively functioning as a sealing mechanism. That's a good thing.

If the synthetic oil, with its advanced detergent package, is introduced into such a system, it will seek to clean out sludge from the engine, meaning there's a chance it could remove some of this sludge that was acting as a seal. Now you have a potential oil leak.

This possibility should not, however, stop you from considering a change from conventional to synthetic in your classic or older car. You just need to be prepared to keep an eye on your car's oil usage after the switch. It may require you to change your oil more often. And no matter what, always change your oil filter during your oil change.

## **20 years Ago in the Mississippi Valley Region AACA**

*by Gary Gleason*

35 members attended the Sept 25 meeting at Ryans' Steakhouse.

The 2001 Oktoberfest was held at Craig Beek's Model T Showroom. It was a pot luck with the club providing butterfly pork chops and drinks. Old cars in attendance were:

1910 Model T Speedster Buck Wendt

1930 Model A Paul Johnston

1954 Chevrolet Steve Shutt

1940 Cadillac George Kerr

Ford Norm Miller

1935 Packard Mike Birmingham

1937 Packard Roger Lamm

1931 Auburn Craig Windmiller

Founding member Don King passed away on November 8th.

The MVRAACA Annual Banquet was held on November 16th at Short Hills Country Club.

New Officers were installed:

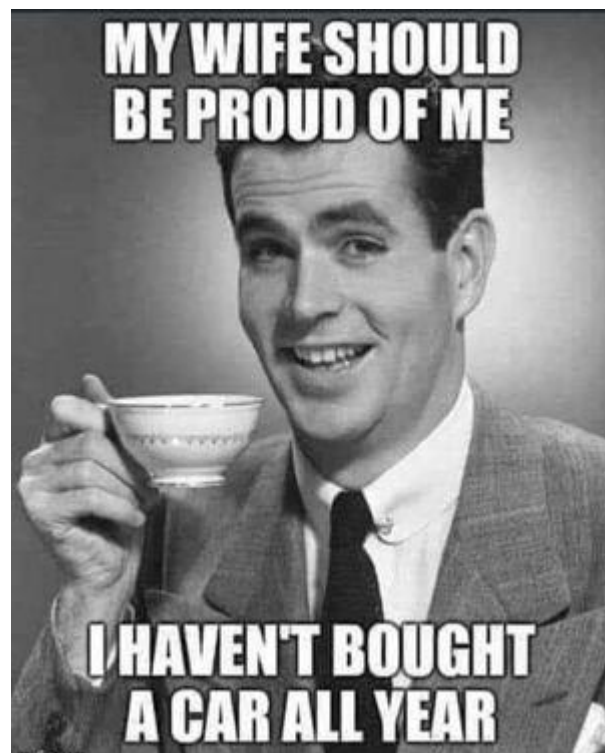
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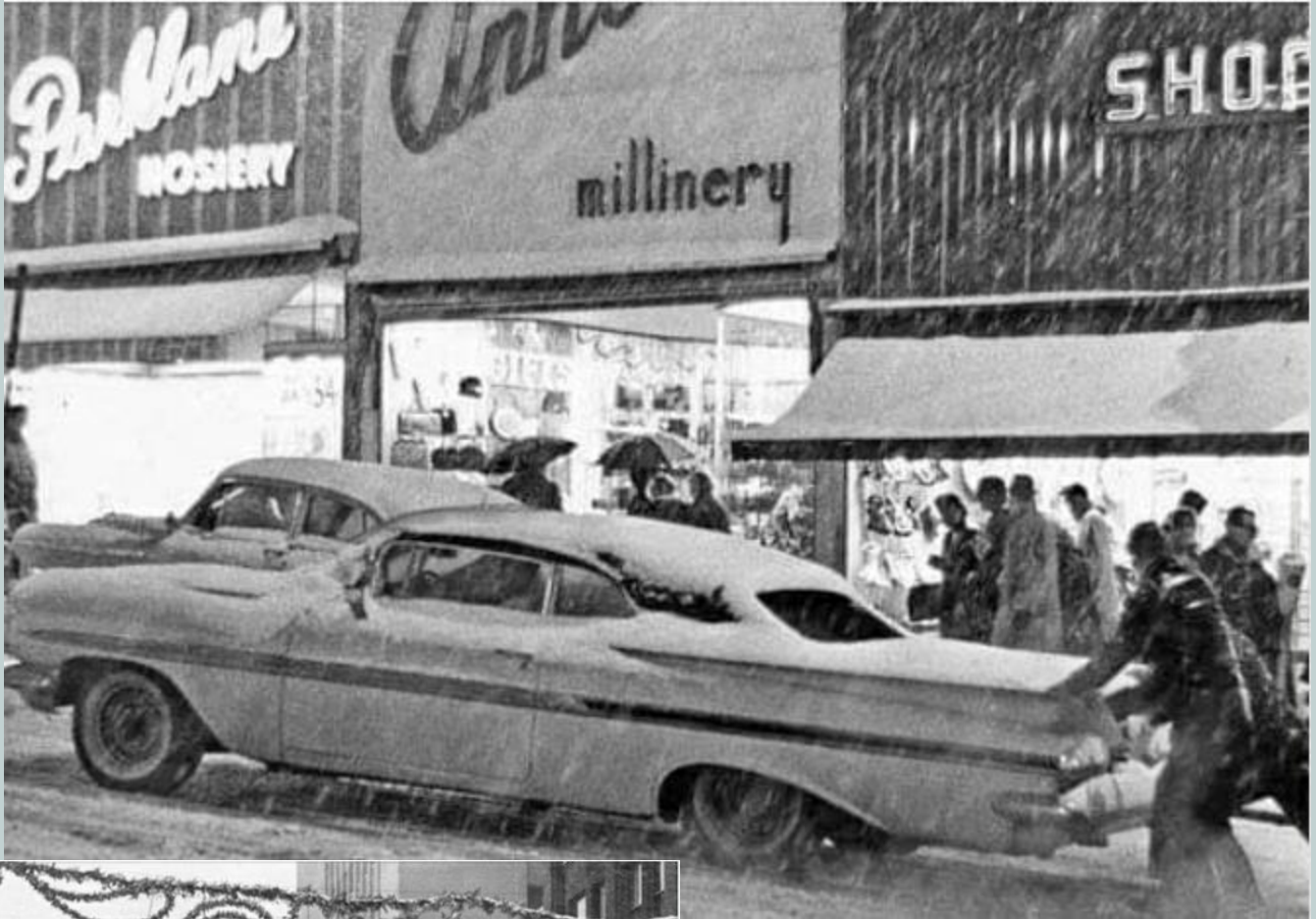
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