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April 2023

It's a busy month with my first trip to Charlotte, North Carolina. It is billed as the Spring Hershey with a Flea Market starting on Thursday, Friday, and the show on Saturday. Having only been to Charlotte once and not for very long, I look forward to seeing new countryside.

As you are probably reading this, I hope to be heading toward Pontiac, Michigan. Fred is on the Board of the Pontiac Transportation Museum and they are having a work day on Tuesday the 18th so we will stop on our way back. I'm an excellent supervisor and will definitely tell them my thoughts as long as they don't require additional labor. It sounds like a fun trip coming up to Volo. I was there when the club attended a show but that was a very long time ago. We have 25 paid reservations and have room for 4 more on our bus. Again, we are leaving from South Park Mall, Moline, IL (still awaiting a call from mall security regarding specific location), stopping half way for a break, eating lunch at Bobbies Barrel, then on to the museum. All culminating on a return trip back to South Park Mall by 7. COME JOIN THE FUN! This trip is being funded by the proceeds of our hard work hosting The National last August.

In the mail today I got the first 6 registrations for our Grand National. That's a really early start and the hotel, at last count, was up to 30 rooms already booked. We are off and running. Per our Meet Manager, we have several volunteers except for merchandise sales. Many of you can't park trailers and cars, but working a few hours selling AACA merchandise is something that is not too taxing if we have enough help. We need to count what they send, sell it, then pack and return things not sold. Again that's not taxing IF we get enough people to help. The Lamm's did it last year all by themselves, so let's break it up this year and each do your part.

PLEASE.

If you did not come to hear the program on maps last month, you missed a fantastic presentation. Not only did Michael Flaherty bring lots to look at, but he also did an excellent job of explaining how our maps of today evolved. Thanks, Mike.

See you soon – Mary B



AACA Board Meeting

April 5, 2023

Present:

M. Bartemeyer, President
John Brewer, Vice President
Gary Gleason, Treasurer
Fred Bartemeyer, Board Member
Eric Smith, Board Member
Mike Flaherty, Board Member
Stuart Etheridge, Board Member
Mark Lousberg, Board Member

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Bartemeyer at 7:00 PM

Minutes for March were published in the last newsletter. Motion made and approved to accept March minutes.

Treasurer Gary Gleason provided the budget information bringing us up to date. Stuart Etheridge questioned the CD interest rate, suggesting the CDs could be closed and renewed at the higher interest with penalty not amounting to enough to discourage this action. Gary Gleason will look into this.

Mary Bartemeyer brought up Larry Wallick application as a new member, board voted to accept him. Delbert Traub, Jeff Weaver, and Rob Spengle applied for membership at the "New Car Show" at the Expo Center in March. The board voted via e-mail to accept all three. Mary Bartemeyer asked for approval March 9th.

John Brewer suggested strongly that we need some new strategy to not only encourage new members but to have more participation from the current members.

Board Meetings will be at the Education Center, Butterworth Center, Moline in April and May. The Butterworth Center Dining Room will host the June and July board meetings.

John elaborated on his earlier email of the Veterans' Caravan May 23rd through July 25th leaving from California and ending up in N.Y. Should we participate in some way? The caravan has tentative plans to be in Rock Island and Davenport June 29th.

The April 9th Volo tour leaves from the South Park Mall with ample room to park our cars. Currently there are 25 members signed up with room for 4 more members.

Mike Flaherty's "Maps" presentation at the Deere-Wiman Carriage House was very interesting and successful with a large group attending. It was suggested he do another presentation.

Gary Gleason will lead the tour to Anamosa Saturday, May 20th at 8:45. Drive should be about 130-135 miles.

Family Day will be Sunday June 11th, the weekend before Fathers' Day. Clair Pearson is in charge of provisions with the Perry's managing the coffee.

Gary Gleason has 2 - 50 year pins he will present to Otto Patting and Joe Resetich.

Mark Lousberg said he got 2 quotes for electric golf carts and Cambridge was the best price at \$800 for 4 carts total. We used Cambridge last year at the regional.

John Brewer stated that a 36" X 78" map showing the parking, etc. will be hung behind the registration area.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 (submitted by Kathy Etheridge filling in for Jan)

GRAND NATIONAL MEET MEETING

Education Center, Moline, IL – March 15, 2023

Present: Mark Lousberg, Mary Bartemeyer, Fred Bartemeyer, Jr., John Brewer, Dick and Sandy Perry, Eric Smith, Mike Flaherty

Absent: Gary Gleason

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mark Lousberg

The following items were discussed:

Visit Quad Cities will setup appt. with meet leadership and Bettendorf officials for the end of the month. Mark has given them the names of key meet leaders. The plan is to review vehicle traffic routes between trailer parking lots over the bridge to the show field lots by the casino. We will need cones or barricades and police presence for safety during Saturday. Rate is \$35 hourly for any Bettendorf officer, which is less than Per Mar's bid.

We approved arranging for 2 hours of special music by the Kendrick Trio during the meet banquet at a cost of \$375.

Meet trifold was reviewed again with additional changes. Approved to send after changes are made.

Golf cart bids for 4 carts are being solicited with decision to be made when they are received.

Zenith Coordinator Eric Smith is making sure there is enough space for cars to safely enter Waterfront Conv. Center. At least 19 cars could be coming thus far. Zenith car owners will still pay for trailer parking and any meet fees if they participate in meals or banquet. Hope to have a car on display during banquet. Eric will need help with Zenith trailer and car parking on Friday morning.

Meet registration card fee amounts were double-checked and approved to send to AACA this week.

Parking & Signage - John Brewer presented the final parking and traffic plans. These will be enlarged and used during registration for participants to understand. We can reuse some of the National Meet signs. Others will need to be revamped to fit. Parking signs will be reinforced to stay up during wind/weather. Hang tags for showfield parking will be included in the registration packets that members will pick up at registration. Hang tags for trailer parking will be mailed out once registration is officially closed.

Isle Of Capri staff has requested a meeting with the meet leadership to review all aspects of the meet – date TBD closer to meet.

T-shirts will be available for proofing before being printed.

Our ad in AACA magazine will be the same on the dash plaques.

Clair has reserved 250 spots on boat deck #2 with an additional 75 on deck #1 if needed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Submitted by Sandy Perry, Secretary

Next Meeting April 19, 2023

SPECIAL GRAND NATIONAL MEET MEETING

With Isle of Capri Staff, Bettendorf, IA, March 28, 2023

Present: Mary Bartemeyer, Fred Bartemeyer, Jr., John Brewer, Sandy Perry, Eric Smith, Clair Pearson
Isle Staff: Ann Klundt, Reservations; Leah Allen, Sales Mgr; Leanne Rowe, Catering Mgr.
Meeting was facilitated by Mary Bartemeyer and started at 1:00 p.m.

Purpose of the meeting was to clarify all meet events happening at the Isle during the Grand National.

Staff reported that 30 rooms have been reserved so far with 15 reservations coming thru Call Center. They reported that the center is difficult to navigate at times and calls go to an international location with language sometimes being a barrier. Website also difficult. We will add more information to our meet information. Ann Klundt's contact info: ann.klundt@islebettendorf.com
Phone 563-441-7115

Contract between MVR and Isle Of Capri was reviewed and approved.

Reviewed conference room arrangements for Judges' Administration area: times/setup/security/access.

Zenith Coordinator Eric Smith: 19 cars could be coming thus far. Reviewed timeframe and setup in Convention Center for car judging and luncheon for 60-70 people nearby (private area). Winning car could possibly be left on display during banquet. He would like help with cars during meet.

Fred reviewed arrangements for Judging School and Team Captains' School on Friday, 2-4 p.m. He will need a screen, projector, sound, mic. He also reviewed room setup needs and menu for Saturday Judge's Breakfast – cost of \$22.10/person. AACA pays \$20/person.

Mary reviewed arrangements for Registration, Merchandise Table and Judges' Marshaling Area in St. Croix Room during Wed – Sat. Fred asked for a hotel map that he could include in judge's packets.

Clair reviewed choices for Saturday banquet: pork chop (\$35.10) or chicken (\$36.40). Children's meal \$15. Dessert choice still needs to be made—staff suggested offering two items as choices. Clair requested a list of acceptable food truck operators that he can contact to be present during meet.

Clair requested a secure location we can use to park and recharge electric golf carts overnight. He also reviewed arrangements with Republic for trash bags and trash containers.

John Brewer requested that barricades be put in parking lots 24 hours ahead of meet to keep others from parking there. Staff will put them up starting on Monday of meet week.

Arrangements were reviewed for the ice cream social in the lobby Thursday 7 – 8:30 pm. Also reviewed banquet room setup re: trophies, microphone, podium, etc.

Clair reviewed the need for the connecting bridge between the buildings' hours of operation.
W-F 10 a.m. – 7 pm, Saturday 5 a.m.

Phone call with Steve Moskowitz re Zenith cars: We can select parking arrangements for Zenith cars. Steve will unpack and handle the trophies. He will e-mail a list of all Zenith cars tomorrow. Reviewed luncheon and room for judges to use. 18 owners coming – one with medical issues--undecided.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m. Submitted by Sandy Perry, Secretary

Projects

Comes a time to let go of some projects.... Just parted with the 38 Packard Opera Coupe. This was my first old antique acquisition. I was at an auction 22 years ago in Muscatine to buy a drill press and among the cars was this Packard. Overheard a guy wanting it so he could hot rod it so when it came up for bidding I had to outbid him. Very solid car with no rust thru top or bottom. Showed 27,000 miles and when I pulled the head and checked for cylinder wear it indicated true mileage. Main drawback was someone in the 50's thought it was great to upgrade interior to white vinyl.... Now very ugly white vinyl... I was attracted to it because it had a straight 6 flat head with 100 HP and I knew the Ford flat head only had 85 HP. It even has thermostatic radiator shutters, X braced frame and independent front suspension. I delivered it to its new owner the other day and it will be worked on in Tiskilwa, Ill. at the old Standard station.

-John



Map Making Presentation by MVR Member Michael Flaherty

On a snowy March 25th, 15 MVR members arrived at the Deere Carriage House to hear MVR member Mike Flaherty speak on the origins of map making.

Mike is a map maker himself, having worked his entire life in that field. Besides his skills in the field, he has a passion for all things maps which has led to an impressive collection of early map examples.



Figge Art Museum

I happened to take some of my grandkids to the Figge recently, and on the third floor they had a feature display called Sporting Fashion: Outdoor Girls. They had female mannequins dressed in 1800 to 1960 sportswear. There was a Harley in one 1950's display and in another was a dark blue Model 1911 Ford Model T Torpedo Roadster, locally owned and recently impeccably restored by our member Eric Smith. (It was at our last National Meet.)

Accompanying the T was a story about Alice Ramsey. She had learned to drive early on and would enter and win endurance driving competitions. Maxwell-Brisco Company took notice and proposed to her an all-expenses paid trip in a 1909 Maxwell DA Touring to show that a Maxwell could take anyone, even a 22 year old woman, all the way across the country. She took 3 female friends but did all the driving herself and completed the 3,800 mile trip in 59 days. She used "Blue Books" for directions (we learned about them last month from Mike Flaherty) but when a landmark noted to turn right at a red barn and it had been repainted a different color that created a challenge! She is honored for being the first female to cross the country via automobile. The book she wrote: *Veil, Duster and Tire Iron*, details every turn whether right or not... and is a great read! Don't know if the T could have made the trip, but it sure is shiny top to bottom!!!! John



Cars and Ice Cream 2023

The first Cars and Ice Cream for 2023 will be at 3:30 PM on April 23rd. Our new location is the **COUNTRY STYLE ICE CREAM located at 4115 Kennedy Drive, East Moline.**

See you there!

1937 Graham Supercharger

I acquired this car from Ron Gottschalk years ago and at the time Nola told me I would never get it done. Well, she was right because the other week I sold it to a man in Maquoketa since it was not getting moved up in my long term project list..... It still had 1957 Wisconsin plates on it and over 90,000 miles!

These were quite the car with many special features. REO had this Hayes body up until '36 then Graham had it for '37-'38 with many changes to the front end styling. The flat head motor was built by Continental to Graham specs. Motors were shipped in then Graham installed their high compression 7 to 1 alum head and then ran motors in before installing. One third of Graham's production in '37 had superchargers and at 199 cu they were producing 110 hp; all the while achieving better mileage than others in its class and thereby winning The Gilmore Mileage records. Graham produced more supercharged cars than any other till the 90's.

The motor has a feature that was very unique in having pressurized oiling to the cylinder walls. This was achieved when the piston was at bottom of the power stroke and exhaust lifter was starting to move up. A special cut in this lifter allowed oil to be fed from the pressurized lifter galley thru a hole drilled thru the cylinder wall which deposited oil in a blank ring groove cut into the bottom of the piston skirt. As the bottom of the skirt moved up past that hole, the lifter would move more, cutting off oil flow to the hole. The pistons used two compression rings and two oil control rings. While some motors like Nash have oil squirters built into the lower rod throw to oil the piston thrust walls, most all motors rely on oil fog within the crankcase for cylinder-to-piston skirt lubrication. This direct oiling of the walls allowed the skirt to wear less and float on the oil film, reducing top compression ring wall wear.

Graham was the first to place springs outside the frame to reduce height and they also had a front anti-sway bar and tube shock absorbers. This Graham also had overdrive as standard which allowed easy highway cruising. The Hayes body was streamlined with Graham tear-dropped headlights, suspended from the radiator surrounded with horns suspended below them.



Up next for Graham was the "Sharknose" and "Hollywood" which did not work out well for them. Soon they folded. The three Graham Brothers had quite a business experience from inventing upside down glass bottle-making still done today (sold to Libbey Owens Ford), kits for converting model T's to trucks, Graham trucks, all early Dodge trucks, Graham Page cars, Graham cars to owners of Madison Square Gardens.

-John

Upcoming MVR Events

MVR-AACA Spring Tour Saturday May 20,2023

Our club spring tour will start in Davenport and travel northwest to the National Motorcycle Museum in Anamosa, IA. This will be our last chance to visit this museum as it is closing in September.

"The museum features 320+ motorcycles spanning over 100 years. Over 1100 pieces of graphic art, rare board track racing photos, illustrated sales brochures, fine original paintings, grand European lithographs give you the historical settings of motorcycling. Eight video monitors bring you the action."

Admission to the museum is \$15.00. There is a \$1.00 discount for seniors or military. If we get 15 or more attending there is a group discount available.

The tour will have a lunch at the Hale Tap in Hale, Iowa on the way to the museum and an "ice cream" stop on the way home. There will be questions to be answered along the way.

8:45 AM Meet at U-Haul parking lot 3616 W Kimberly Rd, Davenport

9:00 Leave

11:00 Lunch stop at the Hale Tap, Hale Iowa

1:00 - 2:15 tour the museum at your own pace

2:30 PM Return to the Quad Cities with a Dairy Queen stop along the route.

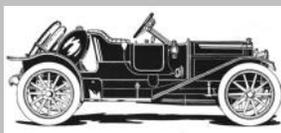
We will be traveling paved county roads, no main highways. Total distance 130-135 miles. Antique cars are encouraged, but all members and vehicles are welcome.

Sign up deadline Tuesday May 16th

To register, contact Gary & LaVonne Gleason at 563-386-4649
or email ggleason@aol.com



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Editor's Note Due to a corrupted file, I lost the Autograf email Excel spreadsheet. With the help of boardmembers, I have put together a replacement list but it may not include all members. If someone didn't receive his or her Autograf please ask them to contact me.

Thank you, Mark

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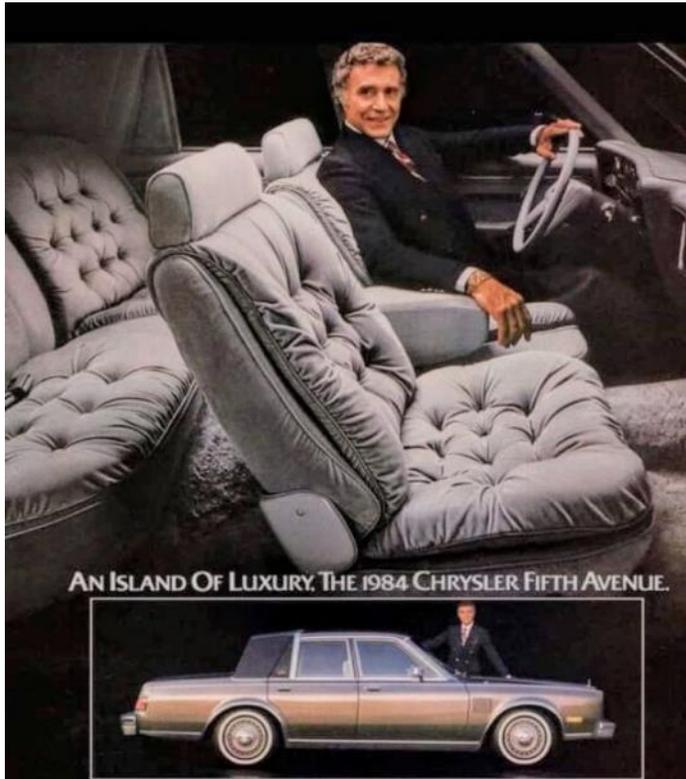
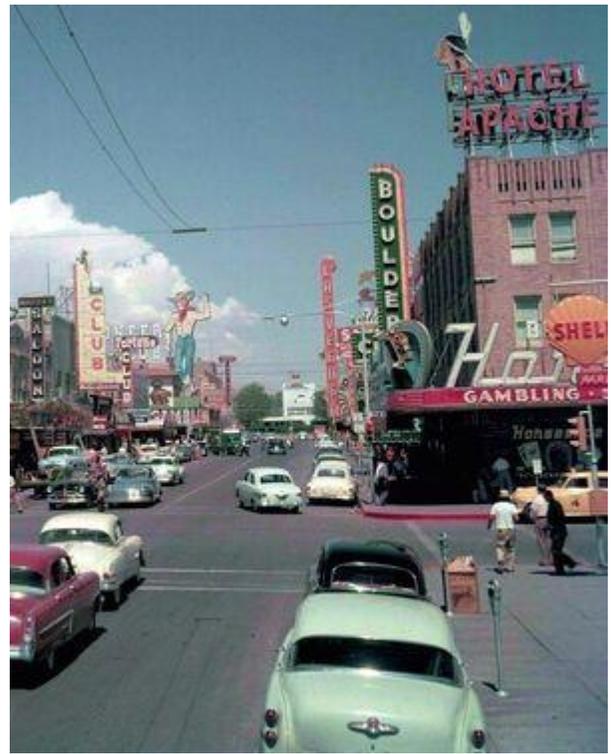
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- April 18, 1964 – Ford GT40 makes its first appearance on the track.
- April 25, 1901 – The state of New York is the first to require a license plate on cars.
- April 21, 1976 – General Motors produces its first 100 million cars.
- April 27, 2009 – After 80 years, General Motors ends production on the Pontiac brand.



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