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President's Column February 2024

Yes - Happy New Year 2024! That was the Presidents Message last month. I hope you were ready for the new year. The club started January with the Rod 'N' Custom Auto Show. Thanks so much to John and Mary Hazen and Mike Flaherty for their Model T Speedsters, Eric Smith for his original Studebaker, and Steve Lester for his original Chevy. It was cold on move in day, let me add it was REALLY COLD, on move in day and they all drove into The Bend Xpo and were there ready to go. Due to the interest in our cars at the show, we increased our participation to 4 vehicles and we did not disappoint. Even with the below zero temperatures, people came and admired. Mike had his coil tester so they could watch the spark bounce, many were taught how to drive a Model T Ford, and all were amazed at the originality of the Studebaker and Chevy. As a result, we won a top 25 prize for our continued participation in the Show.

Yesterday I returned from the 2024 AACA Annual Meeting. For me it ran Tuesday morning through Saturday. The members' participation started Thursday with a tour of the National Air and Space Museum, home of the Space Shuttle Discovery and so many, many more distinctive aircraft. It was just awesome. Fred and I were there from the first bus drop off at 10 to the last leaving at 5. Evening was an informal pizza party. Friday I attended the Region and Chapters Roundtable, a seminar titled "Preserve and Protect: Caring for Personal & Professional Archives, and lastly Wheels & Wings Automobile Pioneers and Aviation 1900-1930. Saturday brought Judging Schools all morning, and in the afternoon one of the programs was Apprenticeship & Outreach. The afternoon ended with the General Membership Meeting. Of course, the culmination always is the National Awards Banquet. We got out of the East Coast just in time, AACA was closed today due to snow. Now it's recovery time.

Hope to see you soon at Show 'N' Tell.

Mary B



MVR AACA Board of Directors Meeting February 7, 2024

No Minutes to approve due to not having a secretary.

Gary reported on the club finances and National should be wrapping up their part of the Grand National soon.

Eric reported 4 new members he acquired and will mentor them.

Hot Rod Show club display was outstanding with 4 member's cars but public turnout was reduced with the weather. No new members signed up.

Secretary position remains unfilled.

Justin has been posting to club's Facebook page and reported on increased activity from 280 to 440

Board motioned and approved adding a Board Meeting in December to the Rules.

Discussion to consider at some point adding a club MOL (member on line). This would be an e-mail members could sign up for seeking advice, parts, local service, and or selling parts or vehicles.

Reminder the Autograf goes out the 15th please submit to Mark well in advance.

Monthly Activities Club Planned:

February 24th: Show 'N' Tell at Hickory Gardens (M. Bartemeyer)

March 24th: Map Presentation at German Heritage Center (M. Flaherty)

April: Club Historical Presentation/Pot Luck at Butterworth (M. Bartemeyer & G. Gleason)

May: Drive/Picnic (Etheridge)

June 1st: Family Day at West Lake Park (Board)

July: Christmas in July (G. Gleason)

August: Scott County Back Road Drive (M. Flaherty)

September: Fall Drive Cookout (M. Lousberg)

October: (E. Smith)

November 13th : Year End Banquet (J. Brewer)

My Wife: ****Screaming about the \$10,000 withdrawal from our bank****

Me: ****not hearing her over the sound of the 454 BBC with no mufflers****

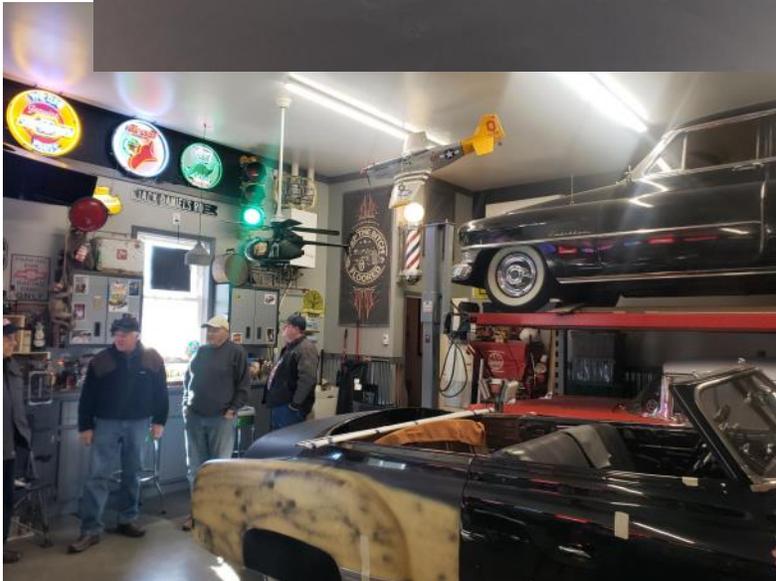


MVR Garage Tour Series

Steve LeMaster hosted 17 members on Saturday, Feb. 10th at his garage. His project that he spoke about was his Mom's 51 Chevy Convertible he is restoring. His dad bought it for her in '67 from original owner when Steve was four. He and his brother would help his dad in keeping the car up. Later it would be sold and 19 years later Steve bought it back. Steve explained the work that he has done and has left to do. It was a great time for members to learn and ask questions. Thanks Steve for hosting!!!

If you have a project you are working on or a tech tip you can demonstrate and can share please contact me so we can schedule you in. We need to keep our members' cars on the road!

Thanks, John Brewer 563-370-6902



Upcoming MVR Events

February 24th Show 'N' Tell

Hickory Gardens' 3311 Hickory Grove Road, Davenport

12:00. Order off the menu.

Calling all members, bring anything you want to share with the group.

Auto Related, Hidden Talent, Special Hobby, you name it

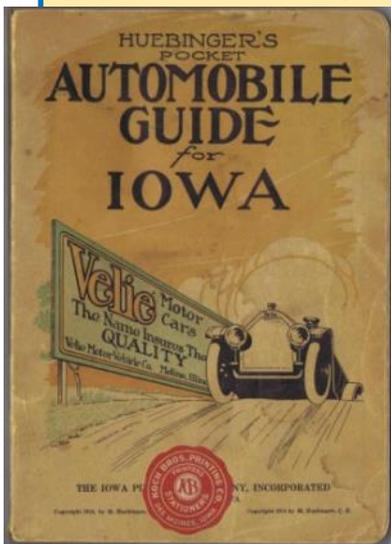
The whole back room of the Restaurant is reserved so lots of room to display your items.

Iowa Map History Presentation

On Sunday, March 24th at 2:00 PM, the German American Heritage Center (712 W 2nd St, Davenport, IA 52802) will host a presentation by Mike Flaherty on the making of the first automobile atlas of Iowa by local Davenport cartographer Melchoir Huebinger.

Huebinger arrived as a German immigrant to Davenport in 1880 to work as a surveyor and cartographer for the Army Corps of Engineers in Rock Island. He published his first local atlas of Scott County in 1882, and later produced hundreds of local maps and atlases in his downtown Davenport shop until 1910, when he moved to Des Moines to coordinate the first ever automobile road atlas of Iowa. Mike Flaherty will present a history of Huebinger's central role in the development of modern maps of Davenport culminating in the production of the first automobile atlas of the state of Iowa in 1912. Huebinger's career covered the transition from horse and buggy Victorian maps to modern 20th century automobile map production and is a fascinating look into how maps were made at the turn of the last century.

The presentation will include dozens of local maps, guide books and atlases produced by Huebinger's companies between 1882 and 1926 from Mr. Flaherty's collection.



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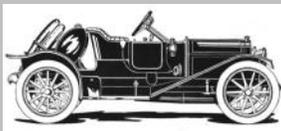
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MVR member Mike Flaherty advises the **10 millionth Model T** will be touring the Lincoln Highway starting on **June 4th** in New York City ending a few weeks later in San Francisco. They'll be driving a 1924 Model T Touring car that drove the tour in 1974 and 1999. The tour information isn't on their website yet, but it appears there will be a stop in **Dewitt, IA.**

More information will be published as it becomes available.

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The Old Gas Station Page

We continue our Autograf special of Old Gas Stations of the Quad City Area. Please send photos and any background information you might have of local gas stations

Sitting on the Northeast corner of Marquette Street and West 2nd Street, Davenport



-Anyone know the history on this building?

Former Skelly Station on the corner of 14th Avenue and 38th Street, Rock Island.






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