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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Thanks to all our members who participated in the QC Cruisers May 10th Show. Along with members of the Quad City Antique Ford Club who were the Quad City Cruisers Featured Guest Car Club, there were 17 MVR cars and 10 from QCAFC.

Outreach efforts: The board, after the Aledo School visit last month to their auto program, voted an approval to donate \$250.00 to their program.

Many thanks go out to Stu and Kathy for the outstanding May 18th drive ending up at the Fulton Dutch Flower Mill. It was a perfect day without a cloud in the sky, perfect back roads and great people! There were 8 cars and 14 people who, after touring the great scenery, stopped to eat lunch at a park and then on to the mill. We were given a great tour of the mill, with details of its history and operations.

Family Day had 50+ members and family in attendance. My thanks to all who attended, to your board who put on this event, Val for beating the batter, while leaving it slightly lumpy per Eric's advice, and Kent for cooking it all up! Special thanks to Clair for getting all the supplies! Some members went for a country drive afterwards through Plainview, Walcott, Blue Grass and Buffalo.

The Great Race is coming up this month on the 22nd. Members signed up to be on the race car parking crew need to be there by 4. Others bringing cars to display need to be in our designated spaces by 4:30. More info will be sent to signed up members.

Mike is continuing the Hill Climb Project. It is incredible all the effort needed to start a new event and all the permissions needed. The meeting with mayor and staff went well and they are supportive. Mike will determine costs and how sponsorship and downtown businesses can fund this event.

As a reminder, your board meets the first Tuesday of the month and any member is welcome at any time. Thoughts or ideas for your club, please contact me or any of our board members.

Thanks, John





**On June 7th more than fifty MVR members and their families met at Scott County Park for the Annual Family Day Pancake Breakfast.**

**Great food, great weather and great friendship marked the event.**











## UPCOMING MVR EVENTS

**June 22nd**

**Great Race in Moline, IL.**

**JULY 12th**

**Visit to McCarty's Alpaca Farm, Eldridge**

**Eric Smith**



**August 9th**

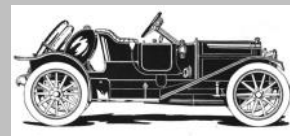
**Reliability Tour (See details on the following page)**

**Sept. 21st**

**Butterworth Porch Party 12-5.**



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## Scott County Alpaca Tour

Saturday July 12th 10AM

Distance about 40 miles  
round-trip.

Start at U-Haul parking lot

3616 W Kimberly Rd, Davenport, IA 52806

Visit McCarty's Corner Farm in Eldridge and see a variety of alpacas. *(Suggested \$10.00 Donation)* ***The MVR will pay 50% of Alpaca Farm activity fee for attending members.***

Bring your own picnic basket or enjoy the soda fountain at Walnut Pioneer Village.

*(Suggested \$2.00 Donation)*

Then return to Davenport, see driving directions and map next page

Contact Eric Smith for more information and to register (815)535-1367

## **AACA Scott County Alpaca Tour July 12th.**

### **Emergency POC Eric Smith (815)535-1367**

Total Tour 40.4 miles

#### **Drive to Alpaca Farm. 9:30-Meet at U-Haul, Depart at 10:00**

Start: U-Haul Moving & Storage of West Davenport 3616 W Kimberly Rd, Davenport, IA 52806

Head West on Kimberly Rd 1.4 miles

Turn Right on Wisconsin Ave (130th Ave) 5.7 miles

Turn Right on LeClaire Rd 8.1 miles

Turn Left past Utica Ridge Rd into McCarty's Corner Farm  
21060 240th St, Eldridge, IA 52748

#### **Drive to Walnut Pioneer Village**

Head West on 240th St/LeClaire Rd toward 210th Ave/Utica Ridge Rd 266 ft

Turn Right at the 1st cross street onto 210th Ave/Utica Ridge Rd 5.0 miles

Turn Left onto 290th St/St Anns Rd 2.2 miles

Turn Right into the parking lot across from the Pioneer Village 7.3 miles

Dan Nagle Walnut Grove Pioneer Village and Olde St. Ann's Church  
18817 290th St, Long Grove, IA 52756

#### **Drive back to Davenport West Kimberly U-Haul**

Turn Left onto 290th St/St Anns Rd 5.8 miles

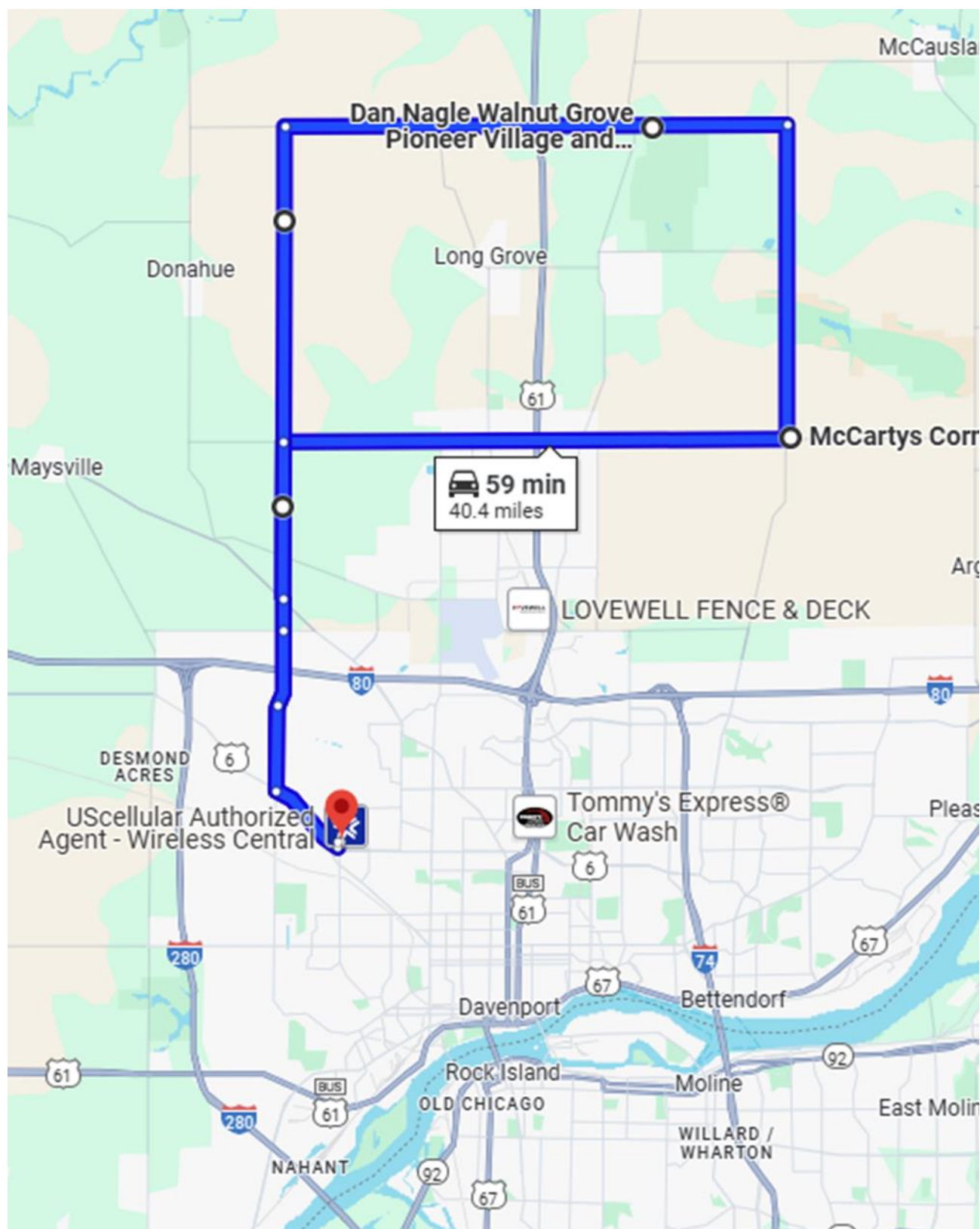
Turn Left onto 130th Ave 7.5 miles

Follow 130th Ave, Wisconsin Ave and W Kimberly Rd to Davenport 4.6 miles

Turn Right

Destination will be on the Left

U-Haul Moving & Storage of West Davenport  
3616 W Kimberly Rd, Davenport, IA 52806





# The Great Race News

The Great Race arrives in Moline on Sunday, June 22. Expect more than 100 race participant cars to arrive on River Drive that evening.

Local classic cars from the MVR and QC Cruisers are invited to display on River Drive during The Great Race.

*All car clubs will enter River Drive from 12th Street only  
from 4:00-4:30*

As in previous years, the MVR has been asked to help with parking the race cars as they come off the road for the party.

At 4:45 the Arrival Ceremony begins. Our parking team should be in place by then.

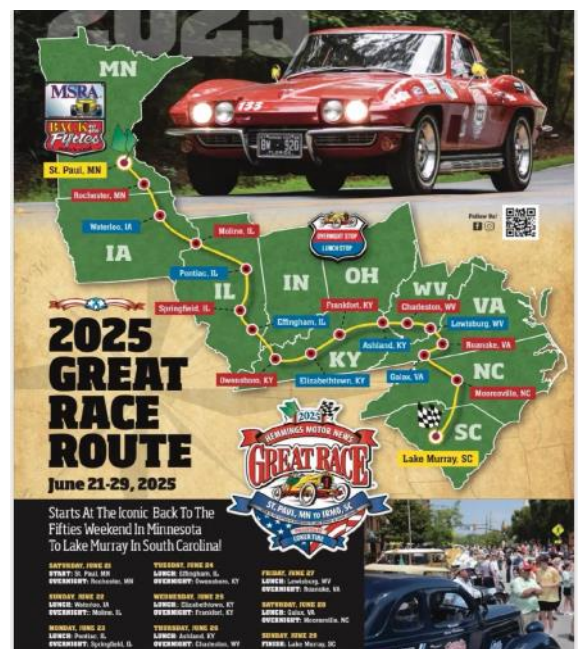
5:00 the first Great Race car arrives

5:15-7:45 is The Great Race dinner event

The Great Race display cars are in place until 8:00

All cars need to be off the street by 8:30

The MVR needs you to VOLUNTEER to help park cars and to display your vehicle. Please contact Mark Lousberg, [mplousberg@hotmail.com](mailto:mplousberg@hotmail.com) or John Brewer, [jwbrew15@aol.com](mailto:jwbrew15@aol.com)

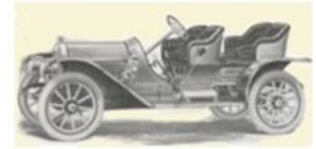








# Velie Moline to Geneseo Reliability Shakedown Tour Date: Saturday August 9th 9:30 AM



**Celebrate the Automobile History in the Quad Cities Region**

Velie used to test drive caravans of new cars to Geneseo and back from Moline for test drives prior to delivery to dealers  
sponsored by the Antique Automobile Club of America Mississippi Valley Region

**Distance about 60 miles round trip**

**Open to all makes and models**

Start at Velie Carriage Factory in Moline (near 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and River Drive) by former factory wall and historic marker

Stop by Eric's Smith's Antique Automobile Restoration Shop on route in Coal Valley

Visit Geneseo Historical Museum and Carriage House

Visit former Geneseo location of Velie Auto Dealership

Lunch at the Sunrise Café (111 South Center Street, Geneseo, IL)

Stop by the former Moline Automobile Test Track and Factory in East Moline

Drive through the location of the Davenport Motor Row,

pass by the former Zip Automobile Company

Finish at the former location of the Independent Truck plant in Davenport

**Please RSVP to Mike Flaherty (314)968-8574 prior to Wednesday August 6<sup>th</sup>**

**So, he can let the restaurant know how many will be eating there on Saturday**



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