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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

5-2026 Notes of Interest

Thanks go out to Justin for the Silvis Train Days. There was a great turnout on a very nice day. Justin is going to ask them next year for one free tour ticket per antique vehicle that shows up to help their event. They are restoring trains, including a 4-6-6-4 Challenger that is just one step smaller than the 4-8-8-4 Big Boy.

Speaking of Big Boy it will be stopping for 30 min in Grand Mound, IA on June 2nd. We have been in contact with the mayor and more info will be coming on us participating. The train is traveling coast to coast this year.

Several members participated with their antique cars on May 1st and May 6th to visit both the Pleasant Valley High School and Aledo High School Auto Programs. Members fielded many questions on the vehicles and the kids had plenty of questions. We are reaching out to area programs like this to offer support for their activities and for an opportunity to share in this hobby. If you have a connection with any of these school programs please contact me.

The Board discussed communications with our members by Text Messaging. We have members who do not check their E-Mail every day for Blast Messages but would get the info on their phones. The Johnsons are looking into apps where you would get the message while avoiding replies that would flood everyone. Once set up you would request by E-mail to be added to receive Text Blasts, and they would still come by E-mail also.

May's event is hosted by Jeff on the 16th with a gathering at a collection in Blue Grass, IA and drive to Candy Kitchen in Wilton IA. Look for more info on our Blasts and in Autograf.

June 7th your board is hosting Family Day at West Lake Park. If weather is good, we will have a short drive afterwards. Look for more info in the Autograf.

The next Sunday, June 14th, Joe Grant has arranged a great Garage Tour. These are always highly attended and will include a country drive ahead of time. Look for info in the Autograf.

If any member has an idea for a drive, garage tour etc. please call me for assistance in putting it together with a drive. We are looking for ideas for July possibly tailored with Route 66 events?

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



UPCOMING MVR EVENTS

Saturday **May 16th**, 2026 The QCAFC in conjunction with the MVR AACA are touring Tim McCleary's car collection in Blue Grass, IA . Following the tour we will drive to The Wilton Candy Kitchen in Wilton, IA for lunch, then drive back towards Davenport.

We will meet at **Tim McCleary's place located at 11795 70th Ave in Blue Grass, IA at 10:00am**, Tour his collection for approximately an hour, then depart on a 23-mile drive to Wilton.

Leaving Tim's place, head north on 70th Ave (Y-40), through Blue Grass, continuing north on Y-40 towards Walcott, turning west E Memorial Rd in Walcott, to Main St and heading North through Walcott, then head west on 200th St (F-58) towards Durant, IA, continuing west towards Wilton on State Hwy 927 to Wilton, then south on Cedar St in Wilton for 2 blocks arriving at Wilton Candy Kitchen, 310 Cedar St Wilton, IA.

The Candy Kitchen does offer lunch, grilled sandwiches, I might suggest you look at their website for more information of their sandwich selections for lunch.

Any questions please call Julie Morrissey @ 563-676-8989 or email us at jeffjulietruman@gmail.com

#4014 **BIG BOY** 4-8-8-4

On its trip to the east coast this year it will be stopping in Grand Mound, IA

June 2nd 11:00 - 11:30

We will have reserved spaces for MVR vehicles

Their Train Depot Museum will be open and food trucks will be on site from 10:30-1:00

If you are going with an antique car please call or text me ASAP so they know how many spaces to reserve and to know when and where we are meeting to drive the back roads to Grand Mound.

John Brewer 563-370-6902



UPCOMING MVR EVENTS *continued*

QCAFC River Bandits Game June 5th

Hello to all the MVR AACA members,

The Quad Cities Antique Ford Club Cordially invites the members of the Mississippi Valley Region AACA, to join your sister club at a River Bandits game on Friday June 5th. The game starts at 6:30pm, we will meet in front of the Modern Woodman Park ticket's booths at 6:00pm.

(If you're an IH Mississippi Valley Credit Union member, you can buy one ticket get one free to the River Bandits games.)

So please come out to the game if you would like and have a great time with some good friends. -
Jeff Morrissey, President of the QCAFC

2026 MVR Family Day

Sunday, June 7

West Lake Park 14910 110th Ave. Enter gate #1 to Lake View Shelter

<https://www.scottcountyiowa.gov/conservation/west-lake>

Breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 10:30 FREE event to club members (Cost for non-members: \$5.00) *Everyone please check in with Jennifer Johnson when arriving.*

Lake View Shelter capacity is 200. Electricity, Parking, Picnicking, Playground, Restrooms, Fresh Water, Water View.

Country drive is planned starting around 11:00 and will last about an hour. If you don't have an antique car that day, ask to ride along with someone.

We may also have some car games in the large parking lot so give us your ideas.

There are hiking trails available at West Lake..

This event is put on by your board members but we can always use help!



UPCOMING MVR EVENTS *continued*

Country Drive and Garage Tour

June 14th Sunday (***Pack a lunch***)

We will gather at our usual Davenport west end U-Haul on west Kimberly at 10:15 and leave at 10:30. We will drive thru northern Scott County and arrive in McCausland at the city Park to eat our lunches. There is also a restaurant across the street.

After we will drive and tour the garage of Joe Grant's followed by Del Traub's directly behind Joe's.

Then we will all head south and arrive at Scott and Jerry Lindle's extensive private collection.

Saturday July 11th 9:00 AM Mississippi River Distilling Company Tour - The AACA MVR will retrace the route of the first tour sponsored by the Davenport Automobile Club in 1904 between Davenport and LeClaire. Activities will include a self-timed hill climb of Brady Street Hill, tour of the Vanderveer conservatory, picnic in LeClaire and a tour of the Mississippi River Distilling Company. The distillery will charge \$5 for the tour, but will provide discount alcohol purchases. Mike Flaherty will load his Model T engine manifold cooker with hot dogs and buns for the picnic. We will assemble for the tour at the City of Davenport public parking lot next to St Anthony's Church at 4th and Brady at 9 AM for safety inspections and a driver safety meeting. Cheap souvenir digital stopwatches will be provided to the first 24 cars for the self-timed hill climb between 5th Street and the Palmer Overpass. Please obey the posted speed limit on Brady Street while climbing the hill.

After the hill climb, cars will assemble at the Vanderveer Conservatory for a self-tour of the botanical collection. At 11:00 we will leave as a group to travel to LeClaire via Brady Street and Blackhawk Trail / Territorial Road, picnic at Scout Park, then tour the Mississippi River Distilling Company before following the River Road to Davenport and finish for ice cream at the Diners Delight. Please RSVP to Mike Flaherty by July 4th, so he can provide a count of individuals for the tour of the distillery, call (314)968-8575 or email flaherty_michael@sbcglobal.net

2026 Silvis Train Days with the Mississippi Valley Region and the Quad Cities Cruisers

On April 25th the Railroading Heritage of Midwest America held their open house and again asked the MVR to come show cars to enhance the event. This year we also welcomed the Quad Cities Cruisers to the show.



Diesel Power!



This early Case steam tractor was a very effective smoke machine!



Several very elaborate train sets were on display!

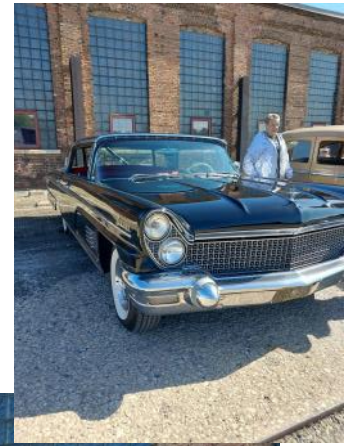
The billboard does subtly suggest that it's best not to touch the trainset displays





Eric smith spent a great deal of time showing visitors how a 1915 Model t started.

He really had the crowds!



PV and SCCC Auto Program Visit May 1st

On Friday May 1st the MVR visited the combined student bodies of the auto programs at Pleasant Valley High School and Scott Community College.

Craig Sommers reported the school has 13 car lifts, five dead stalls and an alignment rack.

Mike Flaherty, Scott Johnson, Craig Sommers, Clair, Stu and Kathy Etheridge Jan and John Brewer were the MVR Ambassadors who visited and brought cars.



Photo by Craig Sommers



Photo by John Brewer



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MVR Members visit the Aledo High School Auto program.

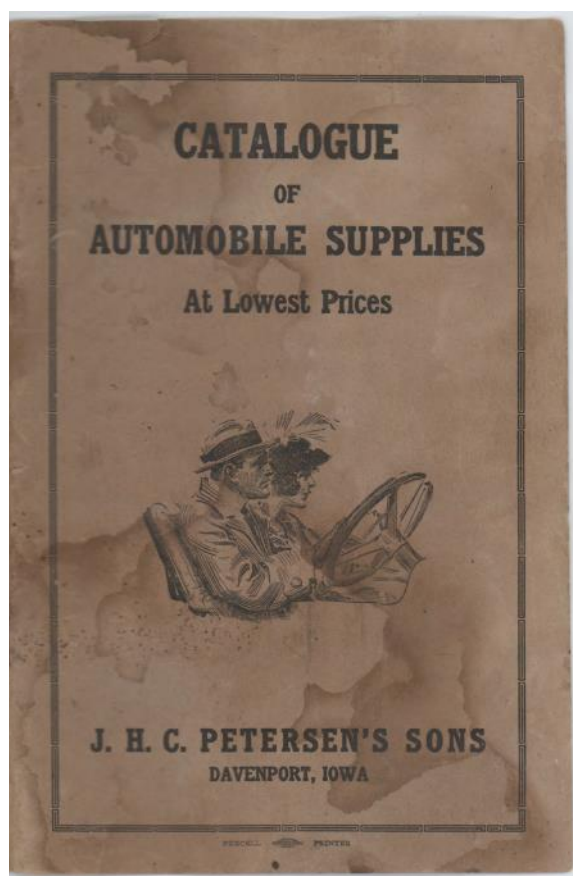
For the second year the Stu and Kathy Etheridge have coordinated a MVR trip to the Aledo Illinois High School in support of their auto restoration class.

On Wednesday May 6th MVR Members Stu and Kathy Etheridge, Clair Pearson, Mike Flaherty, Jim Conrad, Craig Sommers, Jan and John Brewer toured from Milan to Aledo in a show of support for the program and students.



MVR Member Mike Flaherty devotes a lot of time researching our Quad Cities automotive history. He has located a 1916 automotive parts catalog from retailer Petersen's of Davenport.

Each month the Autograf will highlight pages from that catalog.

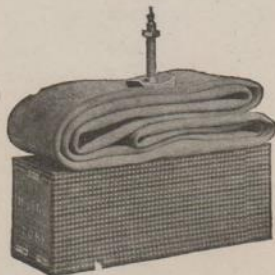


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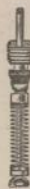
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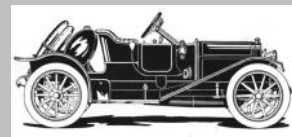
2026 Regional Car Show Calendar

June 13 QC Cruisers Show Hy-Vee in Silvis, IL
June 20 Veterans Car Club Show Eldridge, IA
June 20 Car Show Main St East Moline, IL
June 27 Car Show Wheatland, IA
June 27 Car Show Grand Mound, IA
June 28 Rods on the River Port Byron, IL
July 4 Car Show Buffalo, IA
July 11 Car Show Low Moor, IA
July 12 QC Cruisers Cruise-In Hy-Vee at Northgate E Kimberly Rd Davenport
July 18 Veterans Car Club Show Old Northwest Bank Kimberly Rd Davenport
July 19 Car Show Durant, IA
July 19 Car Show Lost Nation, IA
July 23-25 AACA Spring National Green Bay, WI
August 15 QC Cruiser Cruise-In Hy-Vee Silvis, IL
August 28-29 National Street Rod Association Show Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds
August 29 Veterans Car Club Show Erickson Chevy Milan, IL
August 29 Car Show Aledo, IL
Sept 6 Car Show Orion, IL
Sept 6 Car Show Delmar, IA
Sept 7 Car Show McCausland, IA
Sept 12 Plains Trains & Automobiles Geneseo, IL
Sept 19 QC Cruisers Cruise-In Hy-Vee Silvis, IL
Sept 26 Car Show Dixon. IA
Oct 3 Veterans Car Club Show Veterans Outreach Center Dav
Oct 6-9 AACA Fall Nationals Hershey, PA (Avoid for board meeting)
Oct 17 QC Concours at Palmer Hills Golf Course.

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June 30, 2026

July 28, 2026

August 25, 2026

September 29, 2026

WHERE

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MVR member Kevin Kelly submitted the DeWitt car show calendar for 2026. Thanks Kevin!

2026

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- 09 **PRESS RECORD**
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- 16 **COUNTRY TRADITION**
Traditional Country complete with a fiddle & a steel guitar
- 23 **10 OF SOUL w/ Tractor Show**
High energy band, playing Classic Soul, Funk & Pop
- 30 **CAL STAGE BAND**
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JULY

- 07 **JIMMY WELTY BAND**
The ultimate Country music party
- 14 **CROOKED CACTUS w/ Car Cruise In**
Perfect mix of Latin & Classic Rock with a dynamic trumpet section
- 21 **THE HITMAN**
Country old & new, with Classic Rock
- 28 **DANNY'S BOOK CLUB BAND**
High-energy, feel-good live show that's perfect for dancing & singing along

AUGUST

- 04 **MONTANA SUNRISE**
A blend of music between Country & Good Vibes
- 11 **LYLE BEAVER & THE BRASS NOTES**
Top-notch Big Band, Rock-n-Roll, Country & Polka
- 18 **THE NIGHT WRANGLERS**
Crowd-pleasing country and western cover songs that bring honky-tonk spirit, boot-stomping rhythms, and familiar melodies to life
- 25 **THE TAILFINS w/ Car Cruise In**
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SEPTEMBER

- 01 **PICKLED BEATS**
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- 15 **JORDAN DANIELSEN BAND**
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- 22 **FAIR WARNING**
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- 26 **HOT RODS w/ Car Cruise In**
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MVR Members Out and About

MVR member Mike Flaherty alongside of his bookmobile at the St. Louis Horseless Carriage Club Easter Sunday car show where he sold \$151.00 worth of books.



Donate your automotive-themed books and magazines for a GREAT cause.

MVR member Mike Flaherty is seeking donations of books and magazines based on automobile subjects. Mike sells the donated materials out of his 1929 Bookmobile with all proceeds going to The Friends of the Davenport Public Library.

Mike will be taking his bookmobile to several car shows and public events this summer so lots of donations are needed!

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