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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

7-2026 Notes of Interest

Thanks go out to Joe and Julie Grant for the great garage tour event with 30+ participants. We had a nice country drive and arrived in McCausland to eat our lunches at their park. Then on with the garages and collections! Great time for all!!

Also, thanks to Mike Flaherty for his event this month on the Hill Climb Distillery Tour. Very nice day for the event starting out with the timed hill climb up Brady then onto Vanderveer Park. From there a country drive ending up at Scout Park overlooking the river in LeClaire where we ate our lunch. Following lunch the group went their way to other obligations. Thanks for all the planning, Mike. It was a great time!

For August working on a Saturday country drive on the Illinois side ending with our packed lunches at Loud Thunder. We will have a rain date. Details will be sent in our Blast by e mail.

The Johnsons are looking into text apps where members would get messages while avoiding replies that would flood everyone. Once set up you would E-mail a request to be added to receive Text Blasts. Blasts would still come by E-mail as well. Also, Scott is looking at expanded club web coverage. Thanks, Johnsons, for all this research!

If any member has an idea for a drive, garage tour etc. please call me for assistance in putting it together with a drive.

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



Mike Flaherty Reports on his HILL CLIMB Event

We had 6 entries in the Brady Street Hill Climb on Saturday morning.

It took me over 40 seconds to travel from the 5th street railroad bridge to the pedestrian overpass at Palmer up Brady Street.

John Brewer's Nash Police Pursuit car had the fastest time with 30.52 seconds over the course, barely beating Bill Carr's Kaiser Dragon's 30.53 seconds.

Nobody got arrested for speeding and we didn't have any problems on the hill climb portion of the trip.

The group had a short tour of Vanderveer Park and then travelled on an all paved approximation of the 1904 Davenport Automobile Club tour to LeClaire.

The corn and soy beans looked healthy in rural Scott County.

I made manifold hot dogs, and only 2 were badly burnt, but all got eaten in Scout Park. Traffic construction was a problem on I67 in downtown LeClaire.

The distillery tour was interesting; they store the bourbon barrels underneath the distillery in downtown LeClaire.

The smell of distilled alcohol from the aging barrels was overwhelming when they opened the garage door into their storage basement.

All their whiskey, vodka and bourbon are made with locally sourced grains and ingredients.

The heat shortened the tour for most of the participants, but it was a great day!



MVR Treasurer Report - 06/30/2026

CHECKING ACCOUNT - IHMVCU

Beginning Balance 06/01/26 \$ 1,079.26

DEPOSITS:

6/14/26	ck #5399	Mark Stutenberg 2026 dues (single)	\$ 14.00
6/14/26	ck #1152	Dave Hansen 2026 dues (single)	\$ 14.00

WITHDRAWALS:

6/1/26	ck #1200	QCAFC Veterans car show	\$ 50.00
6/4/26	ck #1203	Mark Lousberg Autograf postage	\$ 54.39
6/9/26	ck #1201	Clair Pearson Family day supplies	\$ 133.89
6/12/26	ck #1202	Joe Grant Family day pavillior	\$ 25.00

Ending Balance 06/30/26 \$ 843.98

SAVINGS ACCOUNT - IHMVCU

BEGINNING Savings Account Balance 06/01/26 \$ 5.00

ENDING Savings Account Balance 06/30/26 \$ 5.00

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT (14 month) - IHMVCU

BEGINNING Balance \$11,199.59

Deposit monthly dividend - 06/13/26 \$36.91 3.950% APY - mat. 01/13/27

ENDING Balance \$11,236.50

SAVINGS ACCOUNT - FAMILY CREDIT UNION

BEGINNING Savings Account Balance 06/01/26 \$ 25.00

ENDING Savings Account Balance 06/30/26 \$ 25.00

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT (24 month) - FAMILY CREDIT UNION

PREVIOUS Balance 04/01/26 \$ 10,792.49

Quarterly dividend deposit - 06/05/26 \$ 120.37 4.425% - mat. 12/05/26

NEW Certificate Balance 06/30/26 \$10,912.86

Total of Combined Assets: \$ 23,023.34

Submitted by: Jennifer Johnson, MVR Treasurer

Upcoming MVR Events

September 26th. Fall Tour and Cookout

Starting on Port Byron we will drive country roads to the homestead of Steve and Judy Gibson where we will tour their car and automotive memorabilia collection then cook out. Photo opportunities for antique cars by the lake too! **RSVP by September 21st for this event as food needs to be purchased.**



October 24th. Clinton Troll Tool Tour

We will leave from the Rhythm City Casino parking lot at 9:30 AM. Drive rural roads to Clinton, see the troll sculptures, get lunch at Slop's, tour the Sawmill Museum, and return to Davenport on the River Road.

Tour participants are encouraged to donate a tool or cash for aspiring auto mechanic students.

A tool donation signup list and event flyer will be forthcoming.

MVR Members Out and About



Monthly in summer the scenic Norther Illinois town of Mount Carroll has a car show on Saturday evenings. Here Eric Smith proudly displays his 1915 Model T and his American Pride.

Joe Grant was also present at the show in his Cadillac



Mark Lousberg's 52 Chevy at Port Byron



Gary Gleason manned the Veterans Car Club booth at Port Byron

Jeff and Jukle Morrissey checked out the Port Byron show.



Lowden IA 6/27/26 Kevin Kelly Clarence, IA. 1934 Plymouth won Best Survivor.

Photo and reporting by Gary Gleason

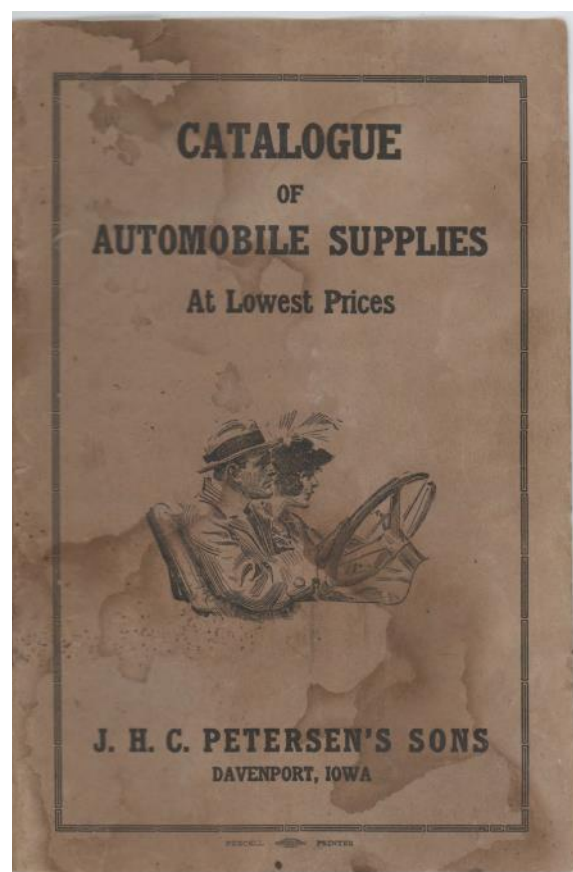


Dan Sporel Moline, IL 1931 Ford

Photo by Gary Gleason

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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2026 Regional Car Show Calendar

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 1 Bix Beiderbecke Gravesite Services
August 1 British Autofest, Le Claire, IA
August 1 Cambridge Rotary Car Show, Cambridge, IL
August 15 Silvis Car Show 19th Street, South of Walmart
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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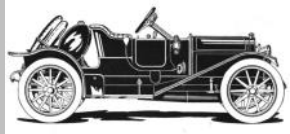
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WHEN

Last Tuesday of every month 5:30pm - ???

May 26, 2026

June 30, 2026

July 28, 2026

August 25, 2026

September 29, 2026

WHERE

Crabby's Bar & Grill

826 W 1st Ave, Coal Valley

(309) 799-3300

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

2026

TUNES IN TOWN

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02

3 ON THE TREE w/ Car Cruise In

Rockabilly with Country & Blues



09

PRESS RECORD

A family - friendly mix of Country, Alternative & Rock

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

Playing all of your Country favorites

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

Musical tribute to early Rock-n-Roll



SEPTEMBER

01

PICKLED BEATS

Authentic Classic Country Duo

08

JaCI & THE JUICE

Dynamic and engaging funk, blues & soul band

15

JORDAN DANIELSEN BAND

Wide mix of Americana music with an upbeat twist

22

FAIR WARNING

High energy Rock & Roll

26

HOT RODS w/ Car Cruise In

SATURDAY, SEPT. 26TH • AUTUMN FEST
4:00 - 8:00 PM



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