



The Autograf.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

8-2026 Notes of Interest

The month of August has been too wet to do anything so far including a Saturday drive!

For August 23rd there is a great car show to benefit Gynecology Oncology Research at the University of Iowa in downtown Rock Island near Steve's Old Time Tap, 223 17th St. It's their 14th year! Great cause for us to support!

On Sept 12th: Geneseo, Planes, Trains and Automobiles!!! If you are going with the group we will gather at 7 and leave at 7:10 from the northeast corner of South Park. More info will be in Autograf for the gathering at Johnsons afterward that you will not want to miss! 20th Anniversary!

Sept 20th is the Porch Party at Butterworth & Deere-Wiman celebrating their 70th year. Great event for us to have our cars displayed to help support them. They are great at providing their places for our meetings and special events. Look for info in the Autograf.

Sept 26 Mark has his fall event. Look for details in the Autograf.

October 6-10 is Hershey week.

October 17th is the Quad Cities Concours at Palmer Hills Golf Course starting at 9:00. First time at this location and developing into the Quad Cities "Pebble Beach"!!!! Great event to bring your cars to! More info to come.

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



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August 2026



MVR/AACA Board Minutes, 7/7/26

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

Treasurers report accepted.

Webmaster: Scott is working on getting the person that did the site for the British Car Club. He will send us a link to their site to view. It has several good features such as the ability to sign up for events and to pay online. It also has the ability to join and pay dues online

Old Business:

Family Day: Good attendance but a bit wet. Next year on Saturday June 5th. Shelter will be \$80.00.

Garage Tour June 14th: Went well with 20-25 attendees. Nice tour with good snacks provided.

Ford club at River Bandits. No MVR members attended.

Blast to members by text messaging: Report by Scott. No good options have been found yet. He will continue researching.

High School Auto Programs: Aledo is very appreciative of our support. We may support their "tool box: program in the future. Possibly something similar to an Angle Tree.

New Business:

Bix grave site concert. August 1. Pre 30's cars welcome to display.

Also the British car show in LeClair August 1st.

Monthly Events:

July 11. Brady Street hill climb and tour of LeClair distillery.

August: Open

Next Meeting Sept. 1. Adjourn at 7:45

Tools for Students

As many of you know, Aledo High School in Aledo, Illinois has an auto restoration program for students interested in learning the skills necessary to maintain and restore older cars. Although the program uses school facilities, it is not funded by the school and the instructors are all volunteers. They meet outside school hours and the students don't receive school credit; they just do it because they want to learn more about old cars. Each year, the students work with the adult volunteers to restore a car during the year and then raffle it off to raise funds for parts and supplies for the next year's car. In addition to providing instruction to the students, the adult volunteers identify one Senior each year who has excelled in the program and will be taking post-secondary training in an automotive or related field. They then present that student with a large rolling toolbox stocked with tools.

Our club has been very supportive of this program through the efforts of Stu Etheridge. We have visited the students in Aledo each of the last two years, showing and talking about our antique cars. During those visits, we have been present for the presentation of the stocked toolboxes and it is a very special moment for the student who receives it. MVR has also provided a monetary donation from the budget and individual members have made donations to the program. After our last visit, board member Michael Flaherty brainstormed a number of different ideas for providing additional support for the Aledo restoration program.

One of the ideas that gained a lot of traction is a plan that we've started calling the "adopt-a-tool" program. The program currently purchases the tool box and all the tools used to stock it out of the funds raised through the raffle. Accordingly, that reduces the amount they can spend for parts and supplies for the restoration projects. We have decided to partner with the program and give our members the opportunity to purchase and then donate a tool to the program to be used to stock the toolbox to be presented to a student. Every dollar that the program doesn't have to spend on the tools can be used for the other needs of the restoration projects. Here's how it will work:

If you would like to participate, contact either Scott Johnson at scottjohnson309@gmail.com or 309-502-1825, or Michael Flaherty at Michael_flaherty@sbcglobal.net or 314-968-8574. They will provide you with a list of tools that are still needed. Pick one (or more) you plan to purchase, let them know and they will cross it off the list. Then you go out and purchase the tool and we will arrange to collect it and get it to one of the Aledo volunteers. We have discussed with the leaders what quality level they would like to see on the tools and they indicated that their goal is to put tools in the hands of young adults, so essentially "Harbor Freight quality" is acceptable. My suggestion would be to go for at least "medium" quality and not the really cheap stuff. Although the preference is for brand new tools, they did indicate that for some of the higher priced specialty tools, if you have a clean, lightly used nice tool that you no longer use and want to pass on (say a high-end torque wrench), that would be OK too. (Don't try to get rid of your beat-up, greasy junk) We will also have upcoming events where we will do a "tool drive" and have participants bring a tool.



MVR Members Out and About

The MVR's Man About Town Gary Gleason reports 3 MVRAACA members were at the Low Moor, IA Car Show on July 11.

Dan Spoerl 1931 Ford

Joe Grant 1962 Chevrolet

Julia Rostenbach 1963 Chevrolet

Joe Grant and Julia Rostenbach received top 40 awards



All photos by Gary Gleason

SEPTEMBER 20TH - 12 TO 5 PM



Make plans to join us for the Porch Party at Butterworth Center & Deere-Wiman House on Sunday, September 20th from noon to 5 pm.

Activities for all ages, including a digital scavenger hunt searching with clues for our historic site's rich history. Help us celebrate our 70th anniversary as an arts and culture community center.

Food trucks, live music, lawn games, selfie-station, tunnel tours, and loads of family-friendly activities will be a part of the day!

This afternoon of free fun is brought to you by the William Butterworth Foundation!



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Upcoming MVR Events

Geneseo Car Show "After Party" – September 12

Scott and Jennifer Johnson will again host a gathering at their house near Geneseo after the "Trains, Planes and Automobiles" car show in Geneseo on Saturday, September 12. Scott and Jennifer will provide a meal (smoked pulled pork, sides and dessert) and beverages. Bring your lawn chairs and we will sit in the shade to eat. There is plenty of room to park on the grass.

The party will start immediately following the car show awards. Awards are at 2:00 pm. If you are traveling straight to the Johnsons' and not going to the car show, plan on arriving between 2:30-3:00. The Johnsons live at 25967 Angel Ferry Road, Geneseo, IL. It's a few miles north of Wolf Road and more or less on the way home to the Quad Cities, depending on your route.

If you plan to come, please RSVP to Scott by email to scottjohnson309@gmail.com or via call or text to 309-502-1825 by Thursday, September 10, so Scott and Jennifer can be sure to have enough food on hand. The Quad City British Auto Club will join us again this year. This gathering is always great time and we look forward to seeing you all!



September 26th. Fall Tour and Cookout Hosted by Mark

Starting in 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 your antique cars by the lake!

-There's a strong possibility of a car game that day!

More information to come!

RSVP by September 21st for this event as food needs to be purchased.





Save the date for the AACA MVR Tool Troll Tour of Clinton Saturday November 7th, 2026 Rhythm City Casino Parking Lot 9:30 AM

The local MVR club will host a fall troll tour of Clinton to sponsor local antique automobile restoration programs.

Tourists are encouraged to bring a new automobile related tool or cash to donate to prize toolboxes for local auto restoration students.

The tour will leave from the Rhythm City Casino parking lot at 9:30 AM Saturday November 7th and follow rural roads to the Clinton Saw Mill Museum, see the four of the local troll sculptures, depending on the weather, and get lunch at Slop's restaurant, then follow the River Road back to Davenport.

We will accept any new automobile restoration related tool that a mechanic would need.

Everything from socket sets, wrenches, screw drivers, pliers, gloves, creepers, diagnostic scanner, volt meters, continuity testers, brake line connection kits, work lights, breaker bars, floor jacks, jack stands, grease guns, screw drivers, cordless drills, drill bits, specialty tools, saws, angle grinders, to battery brush cleaners.

Donate whatever you think a new mechanic would need in their toolbox.

All donated tools will be awarded to budding auto mechanics through local restoration programs.

Thanks,

Mike Flaherty

314-968-8574

2026 Regional Car Show Calendar

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

Oct 17 QC Concours at Palmer Hills Golf Course.

Nov 7th MVR Troll Tour to Clinton, IA

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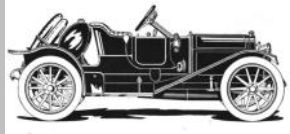
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Over 40 Years Experience

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.

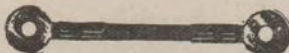
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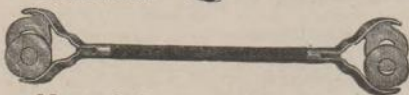
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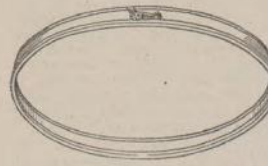
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September 29, 2026

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

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07

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