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From Your President

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Well the Antique Car Season is off and running. We had a very successful show at the QCCA Rod and Custom Auto Show. The Etheridges brought the award winning 1917 Brewster Knight and Mark Lousberg brought his 52 Chevy Pick Up. Kathy and I were chatting before the show and she thought that kids would not be interested in the brass era car but they were several layers deep listening intensely to what was shown and said. Mark was equally busy with the pickup. There are so many memories of especially guys and their pickups. We were busy from the opening to the closing. Several membership applications were given out and our educational platform was a big hit. Thanks to Stu and Kathy, Mark who constantly interacted with their vehicles, members Jim Conrad, Eric Smith, Gary Gleason and Fred that helped man the booth. Fred also built the new banner display. We had a very professional look to us.

The Annual Meeting came up next for me. It is so busy it comes and goes and my head is still spinning. Mark Lousberg attended on behalf of the Region this year. He was busy attending seminars and meeting new people. It is

always great to get a new opinion of the National Organization and what it has to offer. Hopefully he will summarize his thoughts for us. Fred is on the Annual Meeting Committee and was chairperson for the Regions Dinner. My duties for the National this year are VP of Website Content, VP of Event Planning, and I'm on the Publication and Membership Committee. I have been accused of being too National but I enjoy the interaction with the new ideas and automobiles that I get to see.

Show 'N' Tell had me in a tailspin for a while. For the first time we lost an artifact. Ron Gottschalk's Brass Horn went missing and the hunt was on. Thanks to Jim Scott for the urgent message and everyone that recalled what they saw, THE HORN WAS FOUND. Every year I think we can't out due the year before but there are always new things that are really neat. Thanks and keep on collecting.

We are now to March and today it's raining all day. Let's hope it gets out of its system by the time we want to drive. If you haven't gotten your reservations in for our March luncheon, please call or email Alan Ford. The restaurant wants a rough count. Hope to see you there.

Mary B

March Event

Saturday, March 28th at 11:30am. Hosted by Alan Ford

Tour and lunch at the new Hyatt House/Hyatt Place Quad Cities at The Bend in East Moline, located where the old I.H./J.I. Case plant was just north of the railroad tracks and first street in East Moline. If coming from the Iowa side, it's easily reached by going east on River Drive in Moline. Meet at 11:30 and be seated in the first floor restaurant and order from the menu provided. Tour of the hotel including the River Room on the top floor will take place while the food is being prepared. Contact Alan Ford by the 18th if you plan to be there since the hotel would like to know an approximate number expected so they can schedule appropriate staffing.

Alan needs a head count for the restaurant by March 18th

Contact Alan Ford



This will be our 11th year (I think) as the editors of the Autograf. Our first issue was Jan. 2008. We found someone to take it over a few years ago but that didn't work out and we volunteered to take it back. This will be our last year as editor of the newsletter and the website. It's way over do for some new blood to take over these duties. We need to update and get some new enthusiasm for our Autograf and website. Kay & I's gas tank is getting low (half full... half empty ?) So if there is some one (or two) that would be interested in taking over the Autograf and website, please contact your favorite Board Member and let them know. It's been fun but it's time to move on!

MVR Board Meeting

MVR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 4, 2020

Present: John Brewer, Jim Conrad, Alan Ford, Sharon Hoaglund, Dick and Sandy Perry, Mary and Fred Bartemeyer, Claire Pearson, Mark Lousberg,
Absent: Gary Smith, Gary Gleason

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. at Butterworth Center, Moline by Mary.

Minutes of the February meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report was approved and filed for audit.

Sunshine: Card sent to Ken & Char Enstrom.

Membership: 114 Active members. Members are reminded they need to pay their National AACA dues in order to cover the club in case of a serious issue. The National AACA is revamping national membership renewal notices from present method. The Club roster needs to be updated for the next 2 years with discussion on method and timeframe.

Roster, Webmaster, Historian – No reports

OLD BUSINESS:

The Feb. 22nd Show & Tell event at Hickory Garden Restaurant was attended by 36 members and friends. All the items were very unique. We need your help in locating Ron Gottschalk's lost antique car horn. Thanks to Mary for this event.

Mark Lousberg reported on the Feb. AACA National Meeting in Philadelphia he attended with Fred and Mary. He attended sessions on Website design/upkeep and Newsletter design plus sessions on National meets, and feels we have a very professional and caring organization dedicated to help regions with the antique car hobby. Mark will attend the August Louisville meet to

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Fall Banquet—Rock Island Arsenal Golf Club

Constance Bell, Marilyn Resetich and Jan Pating greeted members on their arrival Friday November 16th at the beautiful Arsenal Golf Club. Jan handed out the new rosters. A social hour from 6-7 started the evening. Diners had been given a choice of steak or orange roughly, since we didn't hear any complaints, we assume everyone's food was excellent, ours certainly was. We also had a choice of several desserts. Everyone who wanted a dessert was not disappointed.

The entertainment was by the Black Hawk College Ensemble Singers. They sang several old Christmas songs in several languages and ended their program with *Amber Waves of Grain* in honor of our troops serving overseas.

Following the entertainment, awards were presented. Jack Kirik was named Member of the Year, and was also recognized for his work as chairman of the National Meet. Jack then made an announcement, that we have been given the Central Division Grand National Meet for 2012!!

Outgoing President Franklin Bell presented each officer and board member with a gift of bamboo to thank them for their work and support while he served as President.

New officers were then announced: Mary Bartemeyer, President, Lois Frels will remain as Vice-President, Jan Brewer, Secretary, Constance Bell will stay on as Treasurer.

New board members are Tony Drain and Marcus Cunnick; Sharon Hoaglund will remain for another term. New newsletter editor Jim S. Scott was also introduced.



Jack Kirik, 2007 MVR Member of the Year

Here, Richard and Sandy Perry are making a presentation to Jack for his hard work as Chair of the Central Division Fall Meet

Then the fun began with a drawing for door prizes. Everyone had received a ticket at the door when they arrived. As each winner came up to claim their prize, they were asked to draw the next winner. There were so many gifts to choose from, no one went home empty handed.

The Perrys also had gifts for everyone present. The Ladies received a lovely collector shoe by "Just the Right Shoe". They were adorable and the ladies were busily comparing theirs to their table mates. The men received very nice black metal license plate frames and the hardware to attach them. Some guys even got more than one.

A good time was had by all. One table in particular, at the back of the room, seemed to be having an extraordinarily good time.

We would like to thank Lois Frels, Chair of this Fall Banquet, for a wonderful time.

observe a national meet.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and ideas presented on updating the club's current logo that would better identify our location and purpose. Further exploration will be needed before any firm concepts are presented to the Board and members. We reviewed list of nearby 2020 car events and committed to promoting 4 specific tours for club members to attend as an outreach:

July 11 - QC Cruisers Cruise-in at Mills Chevrolet, Davenport, IA 5-8 p.m.

August 15 - VCCA of QC cruise-in Davenport Public Schools Lot @ 35th & Brady from 3-7 p.m

Sept. 6 - Orion Fall Festival – Main Street Orion, IL. 9 a.m – 4 p.m.

Sept. 12 – Planes, Trains and Automobiles, Geneseo, IL. 9 – 3 p.m.

The full list (minimal information only) will be copied and made available for members use during 2020.

MVR EVENTS:

March 28 – Lunch at 11:30 a.m. and Tour of the Bend Hotel Complex – E. Moline, IL. Alan Ford needs quick response from members RE their attendance for dining room staffing.

April 18 – Lunch 11:30 a.m. at Riverfront Grill, Rock Island and 1:00 p.m. Tour of the Augustana Fryxell

Geology Museum, Rock Island.

May 16 – Joint tour with Cedar Rapids AACA Region – Maquoketa drive/dinner @ Decker House (Mary)

June 21 – Annual Father’s Day Breakfast – West Lake Park, Dav. 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. (Board members, host)

July 10 – National Collector Car Day – meet at UTHS Auto Restoration Garage, E. Moline (no tour)

July 18 – Driving Tour & picnic – Scott County – (Gary Gleason, host)

August ? – Garage Tour – Date and locations TBD (John Brewer, host)

September 12 – Geneseo Planes, Trains and Automobiles show & lunch – (Scott Johnson, host)

September 20 – Butterworth Center Porch Party/Car Display – Moline

October 17 – Fall Tour – Mark Lousberg host

November 14 – Year End Banquet – Riverfront Grill – Rock Island

OTHER:

UTHS Scholarship Application still being written
INFORMATION ON NEARBY OR MIDWEST CAR EVENTS DURING 2020

February 22/23 – Rod & Custom Car Show – Monticello Bernes Center, Monticello, IA

April 24-26 – Madison Classics - Spring Jefferson Swap

Meet & Show – Jefferson, WS

April 25 – Quad City Cruisers, Isle of Capri, 1777 Isle Parkway, Bettendorf, IA, 3 – 6 p.m.

May 2 – 1 – 5 p.m. Union Dairy, – 7th Annual Cruisin for a Cause - Freeport, IL

May 3 – Auto Parts Swap Meet and Car Corral – 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Fairgrounds Lot, Monticello, IA

May 9 – Quad City Cruisers, Isle of Capri, 1777 Isle Parkway, Bettendorf, IA, 5-8 p.m.

May 16 – Little Hershey Swap Meet & Cruise In – Boone County Fairgrounds – Belvidere, IL

May 16 – Veterans Car Club of the QCA – Cruise-in 3 – 7 p.m.- Davenport Public Schools Lot, 35th St & Brady, Dav.

May 23 – Hot Rods for a Cure Car & Bike Show, 10 a.m. – 3p.m. – King Pin, Fulton, IL.

May 24 – Mt. Carroll Mayfest 20th Annual Car Show – 9:00 – 3:00, W. Carroll Athletic Field, Mt. Carroll, IL.

May 25 – Poopy’s 5th Annual Car Show – 1030 Viaduct Rd., Savanna, IL

Submitted by Sandy Perry

Show ‘N’ Tell Feb. 22

Members never cease to floor those who attend the annual Show ‘N’ Tell. From models, to new equipment, to how fire stations have worked, there is always something new to learn. I played with paper dolls although briefly and for those who had not heard, we lost a brass horn that Ron Gottschalk brought to wake up the crowd. GOOD NEWS – the HORN HAS BEEN FOUND. It had rolled under somewhere on its way home and finally decided to appear. I furnished cake for dessert to celebrate my 74th Birthday. Yes 74, and this is my 11th Year as President. It was to highlight, as I stated, that it is time for someone new to carry the reins into the future.

Thanks to all who continue to amaze us and continue to collect those great objects.

Mary B



Show 'N' Tell Feb. 22



This year I was privileged to attend the AACA annual meeting in Philadelphia as part of the preparation plan for the Mississippi Valley Region hosting the Fall Midwestern Meet in 2022. This was the first interaction I have had with the National Club and I was very impressed. The event was full of seminars designed to support the local clubs with recruiting, communication and event planning. During the meeting I attended presentations on hosting a national event, insurance coverage for club activities, recruiting for the local club, website management, club newsletters and Facebook.

With Philadelphia in my rear view mirror I look back and think about what a great organization the AACA really is. We in the MVR are part of this first-class operation and we will have a chance to showcase ourselves in 2022.

Mark Lousberg, Meet Chairman Midwestern Fall Meet, 2022



Trip Down Market Street

Below is a link of an early motion camera mounted to a streetcar traveling down Market Street in San Francisco a few days before the great earthquake and fires of 1906 destroyed most of the town. Many early makes of auto's are navigating, or trying to navigate, along with horse drawn wagons, cable drawn street cars, horse drawn street cars, electric powered street cars and pedestrians all before signal lights. At the end of Market is the Ferry Building and clock tower built in 1898 which survived and still stands today at the waterfront. End of the line there is a manual turnstile allowing the streetcar to make the return trip up Market.

<http://www.flixyy.com/san-francisco-1905-historical-footage.htm>



Rod and Custom Car Show

Photos submitted by Frederick Bartemeyer Jr
Thanks Fred!



Rod and Custom Car Show



The Experience Concours

June 5 – 7 Show on the 7th.

Hickory Corners, Michigan (Classic Car Club of America Museum) (Gilmore Car Museum)

www.cccamuseum.org

www.gilmorecarmuseum.org

Inviting all Full Classics and Featured Marque this year: 1915-1970 GM Automobiles

You do not have to be a member of CCCA to enter vehicle. If you have never been there it encompasses 90 acres with many original barns with some holding classics such as Duesenberg, Cord, Auburn, Pierce Arrow etc. on both stories. Museum buildings on the grounds include CCCA, Gilmore, Franklin, Lincoln, Pierce Arrow, Model A and many more. In one building alone you can view a dozen of the top Duesenberg's. Registration or more info contact Carol : cvogt@cccamuseum.org 269-352-9947.

**IM WORRIED ABOUT MY MATE
HE JUST CANT STOP BUYING CARS!**



**I THINK HE MAY HAVE
CAR OWNER VIRUS!**

All submitted by J. Brewer
(blame him....)



Home made GMC motorhome

Swift Taillights

Portable Wireless Remote Controlled Taillights

As displayed during our show and tell event these remote lights are attached to rear of vehicle with a built in strong magnet. You can prevent scratching on any metallic surface by placing wax paper between unit and metal. Or in cases of a non-metallic surface a simple metal surface can be added that is attached to a bumper bracket or similar. They also come with straps to use to wrap around a feature. The lights and controller are charged all at the same time with 12V or 110V source and can run for 6 hours. Once attached a push of the desired action button on the remote, that can be 100' away, gives you very bright red LED lights. Underway when you are planning a stop you push the stop button. Same for turn signals. To cancel either you push the forward button. You also get flashing hazard lights along with bright white backups. Very easy to use by yourself or by your navigator. A side function is use as a white trouble light.

In the pictures the lights are round on a modern vehicle. They are at least as bright so you can image the difference on our old cars with sometimes only one rear light!

These lights are a simple solution to being seen during night driving even if you only turn on the driving lights alone. Cost is around \$250.00 www.swifttaillights.com E mail: swifttaillights@sun-tronics.com

Phone: 617-600-8282 John Brewer

