



The Autograf.

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President's Message

Bah Humbug!!!!

What a mess Covid 19 has made of our existence. I talk to my dog and my dog doesn't respond to anything except doggie bone, walk, or outside. Being one of the endangered species that is supposed to stay home and only pop my head out on rare occasions, I don't like it. This is not part of my DNA. It was to be a busy year but much of it has been cancelled or is definitely on hold. We missed our March and will continue to miss our April event. By May we will again be playing it by ear. If we are able to walk out the front door, we do have an event planned. Not the drive to Maquoketa, but something more local. Although we will not be meeting the Cedar Rapids Region, they have rescheduled for October and destination Iowa City.

National events have also taken a hit. The large flea market and show in Charlotte has been rescheduled tentatively for June, Auburn was cancelled, even the Indianapolis 500 has move to August. That last one was a blow to the Bartemeyer family who really enjoy that weekend. It has been reschedule for August 23rd the Sunday after the Kentucky Meet. I will be one tired puppy after that. But once this "stay at home" passes, we need to get out and on the road. Lots are planned and more are in the works.

Our thanks to Mark Lousberg for taking over our 'Autograf' and Dwayne Cederblom for doing the same for the Website. They have big shoes to fill, the Scott's have held us together for a very long time. Now if someone would take over the Presidency - please. Our hats are off to Jim and Kay for all their years of service. Just because there are new people, it doesn't let any club member off the hook. If every member would write a small article or submit a little tidbit of material it would make their jobs much easier.

Hope to see you soon

Mary B



May Events.

The May joint event with the Cedar Rapids Region of the AACA is CANCELED due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Cars and Ice Cream!



The Mississippi Valley Region has a new sponsor. Country Style Ice Cream is partnering with our club for a "Cars & Ice Cream" event on the last Sunday of every Summer month through October. The first monthly event will take place on May 31st at the 5264 Utica Ridge Road Location and begin at approximately 3:30. Sounds like a good way to top off a ride in an old car!

Soft Serve-Hard Serve and Smoothies!

MVR AACA "Shelter In Your Car Drive"

We are looking at an opportunity to get out of the house and ease back into normal times. Looking at the weather and the first part of May on a Saturday maybe the 2nd or 9th. This first drive will be local and we will meet at the old Thomas Processor in Milan. Everyone will stay in their cars at all times and we will leave at a certain time for maybe a 2 hour drive. We will drive of course the lesser traveled roads and will not stop to eat. At the end of the drive we can all return home.

You will receive all info once a good weather day is expected. Please e-mail or call me if you are interested in this opportunity and I will make sure to e-mail or call you ahead of time. John
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"My First Car" a monthly feature

As told by **Roger Lamm** to Mark Lousberg

My first car was a 1949 Ford that I didn't get to keep long. It was given to me by my grandfather when I was ten years old.

The back seat had been removed and my grandfather and I would take it into the farm fields to pick up corn that had fallen out of the wagon. We'd walk the fields with a 5 gallon basket and collect the corn, when the basket was full we'd dump it in a pile to be picked up later and thrown in back of the Ford.

My grandfather would tell me to go get the car but I wasn't big enough to reach the pedals while sitting in the seat. I'd scoot to the floor, push in the clutch and pull it into gear, then I'd jump up and grab the wheel as it started moving. One day while collecting corn my father met my grandfather in the field and asked, "Old man, where's the kid?" My grandfather told my Dad that he's sent me to get the car. My father apparently scoffed and said I wasn't able to drive. About that time I came over the hill and slid off the seat to hit the clutch and the car out of gear. My father couldn't believe it and called for everyone to clear the way but I stopped right in front of them.

My Dad made me give up the car right then.

Rambling's of an Amateur Auto Restorer

Are Car Clubs Still Worth It?

Car clubs seem to be disappearing. Many I have talked with believe it is because the internet allows us to search for parts, get repair advice and in general just "meet" other car people without ever having to leave the house.

In February of this year I attended the AACA National Convention in Philadelphia. Among the many seminars put on by the National to help develop local clubs was one on attracting new members. It seems nearly every regional club had a concern about membership.

When I first got the bug, bought an old car and joined this club it was all about mingling with others in the hobby. It was a chance to make friends with those that shared a common interest, see other members cars, discover parts sources and learn what shops were old car friendly.

Last month while on a trip to Galesburg I took up on an invitation from Roger & Linda Lamm and stopped by their house to look at their collection. For over an hour we talked, shared stories, discussed restorations and Roger even

hooked me up with some needed parts. I personally had a great time.

In the 40 years since I joined this club, (the first time) nothing has changed regarding my reasons for being a member. The internet cannot replace the experience I had with the Lamms.

Ever.

-Mark Lousberg



Winter Driving Like When They Were Daily Transportation



Upcoming Events

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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
Last Sunday of Every Month 3:30 P.M. , Cars & Ice Cream @ Country Style in Utica Ridge Road, Davenport, IA.

OTHER:

UTHS Scholarship Application still being written

INFORMATION ON NEARBY OR MIDWEST CAR EVENTS

Monticello Bernes Center, Monticello, IA.

April 24-26 –Madison Classics -Spring Jefferson Swap Meet & Show –Jefferson, WI.

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, Davenport, IA.

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

May 24 –Mt. Carroll May fest 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.



Alan Ford sent in the above picture of a 1925 Velie Model 60 Royal Sedan which he saw in the May Hemmings Motor News. The article questions what the woman was holding. Do we have anyone in the club who knows?

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