



The Autograf.

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President's Message

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Well this is a year that our grandkids are going to tell other generations about. My folks always talked about the winter and summer of 1936, but never anything like a pandemic. How times have changed, when we got the measles, mumps, or chicken pox, we had parties so that other would get them and have immunity. Today there are vaccinations so most of those diseases don't occur. Let's hope they find something for this soon.

No one stepped up to the plate for a June drive. Your Board of Directors has attempted to guide us through this year, but without the help and ideas of our members we can't do it alone. In our corner this year we have a go getter, Mark Lousberg. He has been busy promoting our Region and AACA. Stepping up to the plate to be Meet Director for our 2022 show, he found what has been a perpetual problem "I didn't know that there was an Antique Auto Club in the Quad Cities area". There are antique car owners out there, yes even younger ones, they show up at Cruise Ins and other events but don't want to join. Mark has been working to get us name recognition and sponsors so that we can publicize our club and events. Why do we need to do this? Take a good look around at our membership. Many of us are getting older and we are not bringing in or spurring interest in younger members. I know, kids aren't interested in our vehicles. WRONG!!! As the Etheridges and Mark found at the Rod 'N' Custom Auto Show, they are interested and with a little prodding could become the caretakers of our vehicles in the future. But we have to teach them, get them around the cars, take them for a ride, and show them the joy and pride of driving/owning an antique auto. Our hobby needs to continue, how will the kids of today understand the past, without seeing it for themselves? Yes they see them in museums but it's not the same. I'll get off my soap box but remember to support the efforts of Mark. The Buffalo Cruise In, the July Drive ending at the Country Style in Davenport. That site also continues through the last Sunday of every month ending in October. Last but not least, remember that an antique vehicle is anything 25 years old or older, don't make fun of them, we've all been there. It was just yesterday that I was 25!



Mary B

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

July 26 – (Sunday) – Meet at Pleasant Valley High School, 525 Belmont Rd, Riverdale (Bettendorf), south of Middle Rd. at 12:45 p.m., Leave at 1:00 p.m. Tour paved roads in Scott County, arriving at Country Style Ice Cream 5264 Utica Ridge Road, Davenport, IA. between 3 & 3:30 p.m. **Gary asks that you please contact him if you are planning to participate so he can print the appropriate amount of driving instructions. Gary Gleason, 563-386-4649 or ggleason@aol.com**

August – Driving tour/event to be determined. Sandy & Dick Perry looking into various possibilities.

August 30 – Ice Cream at Country Style – 3:30 p.m. (address above)

September 12 – Geneseo Planes, Trains and Automobiles is still scheduled per Scott Johnson

September 20 – Butterworth Center Porch Party, Car Display – still scheduled per Butterworth staff

September 27 – Ice Cream at Country Style – 3:30 p.m. (address above)

October 17 – Joint Drive with the Cedar Rapids Region to Maquoketa with dinner at the Decker House.

November 14 – Year End Banquet at River Front Grill, Rock Island, John Brewer, host.

A.A.C.A. – CENTRAL DIVISION NATIONAL MEET hosted by MVR Region: August 11-13, 2022.

OTHER EVENTS

Cruise-in on July 16, 2020 in the parking lot on the alley side of the Bier Stube, 415-15th St., Moline, Illinois at 5PM. Additional events will be on the third (3rd) Thursday of the months (Aug. 20 , Sept. 17 , and Oct. 15 of 2020.) Jim Conrad.

Friday July 17th, Cruise to Janie's Riverview for smoked ribs and pulled pork.

4–7 PM. 1106 West Front Street, Buffalo, IA.



Website Changes!

Our Webmaster, Dwayne Cederblom is doing some behind the scenes changes to our club website. One big project is a page showing every member's car.

He needs your photographs.

Dwayne asks that you email him a picture of your car that is 1 megabyte or less. This is optimal for our website system.

Send your car photo along with the car's description (year, make & model) to dwaynec48@gmail.com

Cars and Ice Cream!



The second Cars & Ice Cream event with Country Style Ice Cream was held on Sunday June 28th and was attended by over 50 vehicles!

The next Cars & Ice Cream will be on Sunday July 26th at 3:30, Country Style Ice Cream, 5264 Utica Ridge Rd. Davenport, IA.

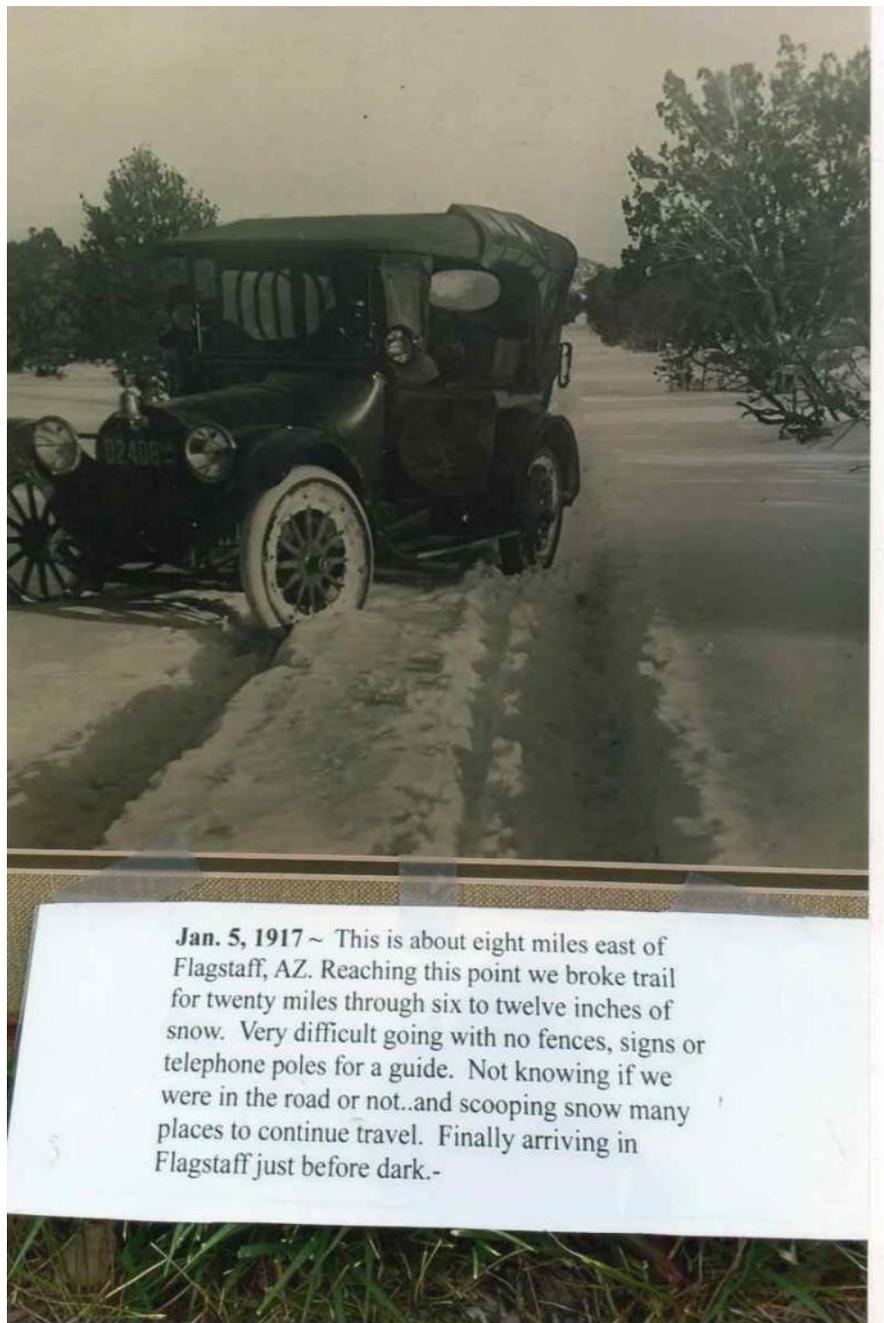


A 1916 Buick Survivor.

The entire life of this car has been with the same family.

The pictured 1916 Buick D-45 Touring car was featured at the AACA Midwest Regional Show held by the Cedar Rapids Chapter in 2016. Alan Ford visited the show and captured the story and these images.

At that time the car had 116,000 miles and was completely original. Owned by Sandra and Larry Stearns Beatty of Shellsburg, Iowa it has been in their family since new. Larry is the grandson of the original owner.



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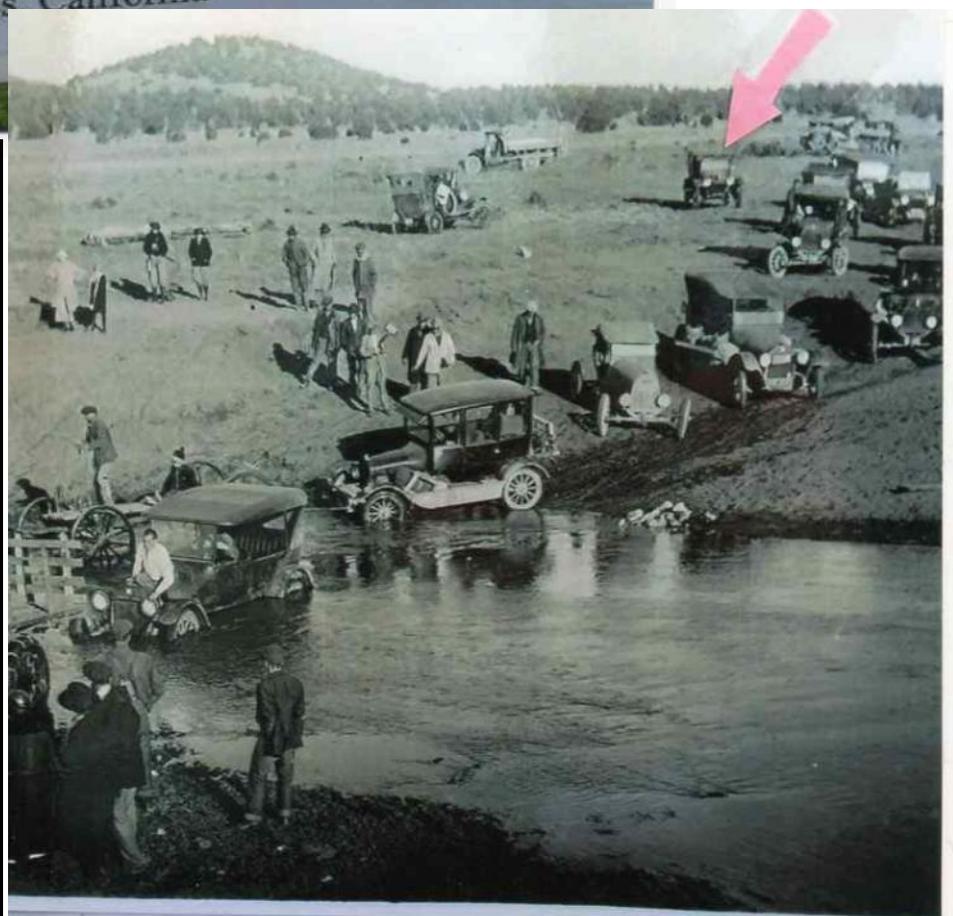


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1916
Buick
Continued



Jan. 8 1917 ~ Road in western Arizona, near Kingman
traveling to Needles California



b.12, 1917 ~ Near Springerville AZ. Cars pulled
ross the creek, with horses and a truck...quick sand in
e area made travel difficult if you got off the 'road'.



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"My First Car" a monthly feature

"My First Car" by Darryl Blinkinsop *as told to Mark Lousberg*

I was 13 or 14 at the time and someone had given us a 1946 Chevrolet Fleetline. I didn't have a license so I never got to drive that car. Well, legally that is, I did drive it a few times when my mother and father were away...

I had polished the car out and it was sitting on the side of the road along where we lived in Folletts, Iowa when a man driving by lost his brakes and took out both passenger doors. We sold off the engine and the tires and hauled the rest of it down to the Davenport dump.

June 19th was a Car Parade for the Residents of Friendship Manner, Generations, Overlook Village and Amber Ridge in Moline. MVR Members participated!

Notes from Sandy & Dick. We participated in the first part of today's tour of nursing homes. There was a large cruiser group and even some rodded cars. Unbeknown to most of us, there was a huge parade of other cars with signs for Happy Birthday and Happy Father's Day also. We merged together (we were toward the front of the group) and toured thru the property. We did spot Betty Knollman and Ann Scott and yelled out to them, but didn't see Jean Doden. MOST of the residents and staff were outside their dwellings seated and masked. Some were still inside by their windows. VERY well organized for everyone to see and be seen.

MVR participants were: John Brewer - Nash & Bugger, Jim Conrad - NOVA, Dick and Sandy Perry - Packard, Alan Ford - Buick, Clair Pearson - fire truck, John O'Neill - Olds station wagon, Scott Johnson - Crosley, Gleasons - Olds. **Pictures by John Brewer**



Please send the stories of your first car and your first restoration in for publication. Mark

My First Antique Vehicle. -A Monthly Feature

"My First Restoration was also My First Car" *by Mark Lousberg*

As a young kid I had two friends whose fathers had antique cars. One in particular Tom Oliver, a long time member of this club had several old cars and over the years I watched more than one restoration take place in the family garage. I found it all very interesting but it was a country ride in the back of the Oliver's 1940 LaSalle convertible on a beautiful fall day that pushed me over the top. I knew I wanted an old car.

While at a house party of another school friend I noted a dark blue 1938 Plymouth sedan in the garage. It belonged to my friend's father and though he had intended to restore it he never got around to the project. It's didn't run but it was rust free and the interior wasn't bad! For \$800.00 this gem could be mine! At 13 years old I had half of the money so off to talk with Mom & Dad where I got a flat "NO". They couldn't see the value of me having a car that wouldn't run as I really knew nothing about engines.

The night before my 14th Birthday the rest of my family went outside as my father came home, finally I went out to see what was going on and I saw the passenger side of something that was very 50s-ish. There was 1954 Desoto Firedome Sedan that my father had bought from an attorney friend who had taken it from the estate of the original owner as part payment for services. (The deal between my father and his friend went down in a bar parking lot.... interpret that any way you want.) It was my birthday gift *after* I paid half the purchase price of \$750.00.

Well the Desoto ran and the interior wasn't bad save for the driver's side of the front seat but it had a lot of rust. A donor car was located in Arizona where both rear fenders, rocker panels and dog legs were removed and sent East. A front fender came from a Western car and another front fender was found at a now gone roadside salvage yard on Route 84 at the North end of Thompson, IL.

Between the chrome work and the body work the savings bonds given to me for birthdays and Christmas through the years by grandparents were consumed. After 4 and a half years it was back on the road. By that time I was in college and really didn't get to use it that much.

After graduating college I went on active duty in the Army and brought the car to my second duty station. I drove it a lot in Up-state New York where it caught the attention of a woman who just had to have it. I had been looking at a 1969 Camaro convertible so a deal was made. I have never seen the Desoto since but monthly I open Hemmings to "Desoto Cars For Sale" and every day I look for it on EBay and on a search engine for Craigslist ads.



20 Years Ago in the Mississippi Valley Region.

By Gary Gleason

MVR AACAA July 2000

The Father's Day Pancake Breakfast was held on Arsenal Island for the 1st time. 35 old cars attended and more than 250 breakfasts were served. Pancakes were cooked by Ron Gottschalk, Bob Strause, Jerry TeBockhorst, Roger Smith, Frank Lyons, Jack Kirik, & Mike Fielder.

28 people attended the social at Ryan' Steak House but only a few old cars.

The bus trip to Indiana was cancelled since only 16 of the 45 needed reservations were received.

Roger Smith gave details of the July 8 progressive dinner. Appetizers at Kuehl's, main course at Craig Beek's showroom and dessert at Roger Smith's.

The MVRAACA had 22 cars on display at the reception for the History Channel's Great Race at the Mark. Cars from 5 other clubs plus antique tractors were also on display.

People accepting 2001 Grand National chairman positions were: Frank Lyons-traffic, Jack Kirik-Field Marshall, Scott Lohman-food events, Jim Scott-advertising, Ron Phillips-merchandising, Dick & Sandy Perry -registration, Bob & Carol Connole -trophies, Cy Galley-budget, Al Edmunds-chief judge and Chuck Hoaglund-1st asst. judge.

There were 163 paid members.

TEAM Apple Smoke

FOOD SPORT
COMPETITION
TEAM

Matherville, IL



BBQ



Friday
July
17th from
4-7 PM

Cruise Out To Janie's
1106 W Front St,
Buffalo, IA 52728



*Team Apple Smoke Will Be Serving
Up Ribs & Pulled Pork!*

**Come Out & Enjoy An Evening With Mississippi
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