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President's Message

Well this summer continues to roll along with very little changed. I am still looking at the same 4 walls except for an occasional trip to the grocery. That being said, it was a pleasant relief to ride to Granger, IA on Saturday the 25th of July to watch several cars never titled cross the auction block from Granger Chevrolet. The farm fields looked green and lush, the traffic on 80 was certainly back to normal congestion and it felt good to get out of town, even if it was only for a day. My purpose going was to see the 1972 Chevy Monte Carlo with 3,000 miles sell. Fred and I went early to get pictures so that when my 72 that I bought new hits the road, we will have all the correct tags and various pieces attached to the engine mostly. Since mine was driven for 30000 miles, it will need some TLC to bring it back to specs. Needless to say, things went a little higher than either of us thought and I guess I'll have to adjust my insurance values in the future. Ridiculous!

Sunday was fun. Although hot, there was a good crowd and a surprise visit from the Oscar Mayer Weiner Mobile. Niener Wiener and Barb BBQ were the navigators and handed out whistles and smiles to all that were still in attendance. That coupled with the ice cream from Country Style the day was one to remember. Don't forget that we have Country Style "Ice Cream and Cars" every month on the last Sunday through October. I got to take the girls to dinner where they explained to be representatives for the Weiner Mobile is quite a process. They must be recent graduates of College and commit to driving and touring the USA for one year. There are thousands of applications for only 16 spots with lots of training to drive and market the product.

Looks like I will miss our August event. The Perry's have a great drive and contest planned but there was a last minute call for Judges at the Grand National and since we can't go to Indy for the 500, Fred and I are headed for Gettysburg. Just a quick trip out and back, that is if COVID allows.

See you soon.



MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

August 22– Driving tour/event. Auto Scavenger Hunt, starting at 10 a.m. in former Sears (King Plaza) Parking Lot, 23rd Ave & 41st St., Moline, IL. Maps and scavenger questions provided. We will drive south of Quad Cities, thru parts of Rock Island and Henry County, ending at Coal Valley Park Pavilion, 1st Street for a picnic lunch around noon. (bring your own food) We will have bottled water, prizes and some surprises. Dick and Sandy Perry, leaders - rwppack@aol.com

Please confirm with Dick & Sandy no later than August 15th.

August 30 – Ice Cream at Country Style – 3:30 p.m. 5264 Utica Ridge Rd. Davenport, IA.

September 12 – “Trains, Planes and Automobiles” for 2020 is cancelled. Scott & Jennifer Johnson have offered to still host the club for an outdoor gathering at noon on September 12.

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 August 20, 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.

Fields of Pizza Car Show, on the last Monday of the month, 5 to 8 PM at Fields of Pizza, 1132 Avenue of the Cities, East Moline.

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 third Cars & Ice Cream event with Country Style Ice Cream was held on Sunday July 26th and boy was it HOT! Still attendance was good and turn-out by MVR Members was a record.

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



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New Member Profile



Welcome to our club Evan Hoovler the proud owner of this 1978 Ford Thunderbird Town Landau.

Evan has a passion for the personal luxury coupes of the late 1970s and really likes the styling of the 1977-79 Thunderbirds. He found this all-original survivor at Rotman GMC in Maquoketa, Iowa where it had been traded in by its original owner. That original owner had bought the T-Bird at Rotman in 1979 and traded it in last year. The car shows an original 74,000 miles and the 251 Windsor still runs strong.

Evan is not new to collecting, prior to this he had a pickup truck.

On July 17th MVR Sponsor Janie's River-view Café brought in Team Apple Smoke and hosted a Cruise-In dinner. It was a fantastic meal shared by auto enthusiasts from several clubs. I am not the only one who over ate. Thanks Janie!



AACA MUSEUM Inc.

The Museum is one of the finest in the nation representing many make and models of antique vehicles in their vast collection. They have many vehicles from private collections donated to them like the Cammack Tucker Collection, Museum of Bus Transportation, Historic Vehicle Association Vehicle Display and many others on both permanent and loan display. Many displays are rotated and they offer many opportunities to view and participate. Now even though AACA National (club) no longer supports the Museum out of our dues, all AACA members get in free. That says something about the museum and their reputation!

Now you can sign up to receive a free newsletter by going to:

<https://www.aacamuseum.org/contact/newsletter/>

Click on: [Newsletter - AACA Museum](#). Then click on: [Sign up for our E-Newsletter](#).

Scroll down to the bottom and fill out info and submit. You will find lots of info, video's, and programs all available online more so now with situations as they are. They are a great group of people who are extremely helpful. You can also become a member, donate a vehicle, object, or info, adopt a car etc. Great informative site!

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"My First Car" a monthly feature

"My First Car" by Dwayne Cedarblom as told to Mark Lousberg

My first car was a 1947 Mercury 4 door sedan, it was maroon, with fender skirts and loaded with chrome.

The Mercury was my father's car, when I got my license he said it was mine to use. This was 1963 and the car had over 100,000 miles on it. The Merc didn't burn any oil but it had zero oil pressure at 65 MPH. When you'd start it on a cold morning you could hear every rod, pin and bushing in that engine until it would warm up.

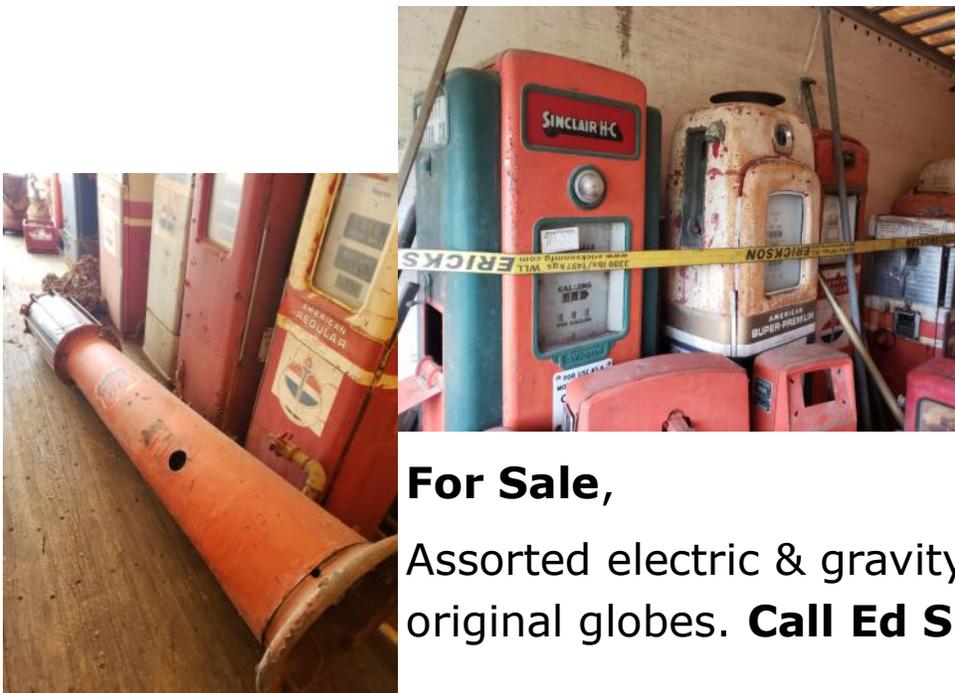
It was quite a fancy car. It had a mohair interior, the hogs hair carpet, a radio and a heater that worked. The front seat was worn through so it had a Western Auto seat cover on it. The girls really liked that car.

This was California so everyone kept a bag of Bull Durham tobacco in the car to wipe the windshield when it fogged over.

I remember if you didn't shift it correctly the transmission linkage would lock up and you couldn't go anywhere. You'd be on the side of the road adjusting the linkage under the hood.

The rear axel nut had to be torqued over 200 ft. lbs. or you'd break and axel. I learned that the hard way.

After a year of driving it I got another engine for it. In 1947 there was no difference between a Ford & Mercury 239 cubic inch engine so I pulled one out of a wrecked Ford and swapped it. It was still running when we sold it.



For Sale,

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Please send the stories of your first car and your first restoration in for publication to **Mark, mpλουςberg@hotmail.com**

My First Restoration. -A Monthly Feature

1967 ½ Datsun 2000 Convertible By **Mark Sifrit** as told to Mark Lousberg

The 67 was a mid-model year with production beginning in June of 67. This car is number 132 of less than 1000. (Approximately 800 made I believe) The color is original, #531 Silver Bronze Metallic.

Mark & Mary always like these cars; in fact Mary learned to drive stick on an early Datsun as her father owned a Datsun dealership in Estherville, IA. One day a friend of Mark's contacted him saying he had a barn find roadster but there was no barn. The little roadster had been sitting in a field outside of Austin Texas for years where the original owner had parked it. So long in fact a tree was growing through the trunk. When Mark saw the condition of the car he was not interested at all.

Mark's friend persisted saying he could resurrect the Datsun. Once Mark was sent VIN information from the chassis and the matching registration form from the original owner he decided to buy the car and commission his friend to do the restoration. Eighteen months later in 2014 the car was delivered to Mark & Mary.

Mark says the 2000 is a blast to drive. There's a great sound from the Solex carburetors, "They just bark"



20 Years Ago in the Mississippi Valley Region.

By Gary Gleason

MVR AACAA August 2000

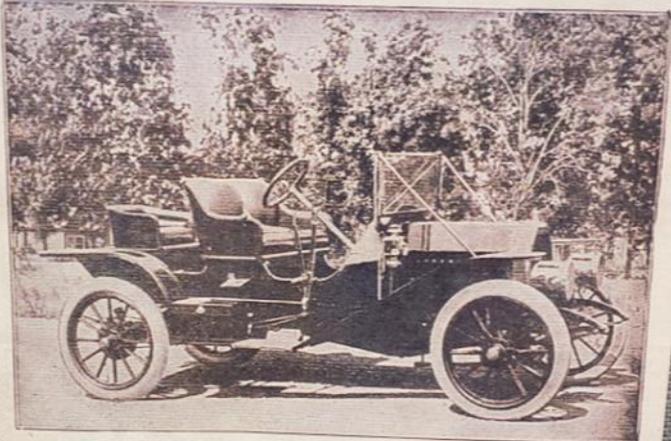
The recent storm has left Gary Gleason with no power. This feature will return Next Month.

-Editor

CYCLE AND AUTOMOBILE TRADE JOURNAL 25

Here's a Hot One Right Off the Griddle

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