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## *President's Message*

### Saga of a Fall Outing

The last Cars and Ice Cream was an almost complete wash out. With only the new members Louis and Jean Haas and Gary Smith bringing a car, members Mark Lousberg, Mary B, Sharon Hoaglund, and Gary Smith mounted a table inside the Country Style Ice Cream store and started to chat.

What should we do for October? Sharon pipes up "We need to have a wiener roast!" Mark adds to the conversation, "There is a great shelter at Thomson Causeway right on the water!" From that a plan is born. Mark found that reservations were not taken this year because of Covid but the newly formed committee decided to chance it. Route 84 took us straight up to Thomson so the plan was coming together. Mark said he would take care of the map, hot dogs, buns, and fire, I said I'd bring the ketchup, mustard, relish, and onion, so the plan was complete.

Message went out, 28 people made reservations. The day – gorgeous, the drive – beautiful, the shelter and view breathe taking. 48 hot dogs cooked and devoured in no time flat. Thanks so much to Mark for getting the dogs etc and cooking them along with John Brewer. What a great day for a drive and such a good turnout. I had forgotten how good a hot dog cooked on an open fire tasted.

Was it really that hard? Mark didn't seem to think so. To purchase a bottle of ketchup, mustard, relish, and chop one large onion, no sweat. WE NEED MORE PEOPLE WITH IDEAS LIKE THIS. Please put your thinking caps on so that we have a great 2021.

We have one more "Cars and Ice Cream" the last Sunday in October. Perhaps another drive for November.

Let's hope for a better 2021.

Mary B



**October 17th** – Joint Drive with the Cedar Rapids Region to Maquoketa with dinner at the Decker House  
**CANCELLED**  
**October 25th**— Cars & Ice Cream Country Style Ice Cream, 5264 Utica Ridge Rd. Davenport, IA.  
**November 14th** – Year End Banquet at River Front Grill, Rock Island, John Brewer, host. **CANCELLED**

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

## Summer's End.

*A spot dedicated to members that have recently passed.*

**-John Leware**

**-Buck Wendt**

## More from Mary

DUES!

There are no REGION dues to be paid for 2021. We have not spent the money collected in 2020 so we will carry it over. The Board unanimously agreed to do so.

National dues of \$45 are still due. Watch for the notice in your magazine address page. You can pay them on line at [aaca.org](http://aaca.org) or send your check etc.

ROSTER

2021 is the year that we update our Roster. If you have anything to add please send your updated info to Jan Patting at [opatting@sbcglobal.net](mailto:opatting@sbcglobal.net) or mail your update to Jan at 2017 29 1/2 Street Court, Rock Island, IL 61201. Information that is contained in the roster are name, street address, city, state, email, phone, and list of vehicles that you have. Why? Because we want to encourage our members to not only drive, save, and restore antique vehicles, but also be available to help someone else who might want to do the same.

SECRETARY UPDATE

Last election we did not have anyone that would run for Secretary. Sandy Perry graciously agreed to accept the position but was appointed, not elected. If anyone has any objections with Sandy being our fully authorized Secretary with Board voting privileges, please sound your objections now by emailing me at [mbartemeyer@yahoo.com](mailto:mbartemeyer@yahoo.com) or by mail at 2904 Cambridge Dr, Bettendorf, IA 52722. It was voted on by the Board that all other Board positions will carry over for another year as with the dues.



## ***Board Meeting Minutes***

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 8 2020 MVR BOARD MEETING – Held in Panorama Park, Iowa

Present: Mary Bartemeyer, John Brewer, Alan Ford, Gary and LaVonne Gleason, Sharon Hoaglund, John Connor, Clair Pearson, Dick and Sandy Perry, Gary Smith

Absent: Mark Lousberg, Fred Bartemeyer, Jr.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Mary Bartemeyer, President

The minutes of the last meeting (August 2020) were approved.

Treasurer's report was approved and put on file for audit.

Sunshine report: Sharon Hoaglund updated the Board on recent cards sent to members for various reasons.

Roster updates will be obtained via e-mail submissions to a request to be sent to all members soon. Any changes will be made to the program and a roster will be made available in 2021.

Membership: Currently at 125 with the addition of new members Evan Hoovler (78 Ford T-Bird) and Louis and Jean Hass ('76 Buick Century Pace Car). We currently mail 19 hard copies monthly of the newsletter.

Webmaster – Please send our Webmaster photos of your cars – no personal identification will be posted with the car photos.

Old Business: The picnic at Scott and Jennifer Johnson's home near Geneseo was a great success with 24 people enjoying a sloppy joe lunch with all the trimmings. We discussed better ways of reminding people to respond and to bring any requested items for an outing.

The Sept. 26th Benefit Car Show at Faith Lutheran Church brought out 50+ cars including 8 cars from MVR members. Perrys won Best of Show with their '40 Packard Sedan and Mark Lousberg won Best Truck.

New Business: Discussion about dues resulted in a motion made by John Brewer and seconded by Clair Pearson that the Board extend memberships into next year for all current 2020 MVR members. This will mean that all current members will not need to pay local region dues, but will still need to pay national AACA dues. Motion passed.

Mary will be attending the November 7 AACA Fall Show in Gettysburg, PA in the Judging area.

Clair made motion to offer free memberships for any new member joining in 2021. Seconded by Gary Smith. Motion was defeated by a vote of 2 Ayes and 4 Nays.

Board was updated on new MVR Logo design.

There will not be a "Member of the Year" award this year. Our goal for 2021 is to have 2 events/month.

We will ask if any members wish to run for a Board position for 2021. If no responses, the Board agreed to serve for 2021.

Monthly Activities:

Next MVR event will be a drive to Thomson IL. wetlands area for a wiener roast with members supplying own side dishes. Meet at Bend Hotel at 10 a.m.

Cars and Ice Cream final event for 2020 will be Sunday, October 25 at Country Style in Bettendorf.

John Brewer will see if he and Kent Reedy can put together a car tour in early Nov. in western Scott County.

Iron Invasion – Oct. 9 – 11 at Miss. Valley Fairgrounds, Davenport

# October Outing



On Saturday October 10th 26 members of the MVR lined up in their cars at The Bend in East Moline and traveled up Route 84 to the Thomson Causeway Recreation Area for a picnic. Wonderful weather and great fellowship were the order of the day. Thanks to all those that came out! *Participation makes a club.*



## Cars and Ice Cream!



**RAIN!** For the first time this year the Cars & Ice Cream Event got rained out. But did it?!

Actually three cars showed up along with 7 members and we all enjoyed ice cream and conversation. An even more spectacular turn of events occurred when we got a **NEW MEMBER** signed up in the rain. (See the New Member Spotlight.)

The next Cars & Ice Cream will be on Sunday October 25th at 3:30, Country Style Ice Cream, 5264 Utica Ridge Rd. Davenport, IA. LET'S END THE YEAR BIG!

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## **NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT**

Welcome to new club Members Jean & Louis Haas!

**They came out in their 1976 Buick Special in the rain for the September Cars & Ice Cream and Mary signed up such dedicated car people on the SPOT! This Buick was purchased new by Louis' brother and was used to drive Jean & Louis from their wedding.**

**Jean & Louis also joined us on the October outing. We look forward to their participation in future events.**

### **My First Car** -by Jim Conrad

My first car was a 1956 Mercury Montclair like pictured in the latest addition of the National's Antique Automobile magazine. Mine was a 4-door model in a two tone blue scheme, dark blue lower body with light blue above and a dark blue roof. It had standard wheel covers

It was purchased in 1964 slightly before my 16th birthday with 60 or 70,000 miles. It was traded in 4 1/2 years later with a failing automatic transmission and an engine that loved to burn oil. I think it went straight to the salvage yard.

Very few (almost none) are seen at a car show today and certainly not a four door model.

Steve Sabbe sent a note about a fun website. Check out,

[The Old Motor | An Entertaining & Informative Vintage Automobile Internet Magazine](https://theoldmotor.com)

I did and I can guarantee you can get very involved in this site!

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Please send the stories of your first car and your first restoration in for publica-

## My First Antique Vehicle. -A Monthly Feature

-By Robert Chambers

After so many wild goose chases to look for another decent antique car and only finding over-priced rattle traps I found a diamond in the rough.

A 1940 Oldsmobile Business Coupe Series 70 in fantastic original condition with only 47,000 miles. The Olds had one respray in the original color of Vagabond Blue. The interior is perfect with no tears or spots. The glass and chrome look like new and the engine has been detailed and looks great. A new set of bias tires with the original wheels and hubcaps. A spotless trunk with the jack and no rust.

Only 4300 Olds 70 Business Coupes were made and few remain. Equipped with a 230 C.I. 6 cylinder & 3 speed manual transmission, radio, heater, clock, spotlight, fog lamps and a 3 person bench seat. The spare tire is behind the passenger's seat. Behind the driver's seat are shelves

for storage, both are hidden by leather flaps. The trunk is huge and has a place to put a dirty tire so the trunk remains clean. The trunk key cannot be removed until the trunk is locked to prevent theft.

The car rides on a 120 inch wheelbase, has no rattles and cruises at 50-55 mph. The Olds is a pleasure to drive and looks wonderful next to my 1951 Mercury.



# 20 Years Ago in the Mississippi

By Gary Gleason

## *MVR AACA October 1980*

The tour on Sept 17th to Wildlife Prairie Park and Wheels-O-Time Museum down by Peoria was a very nice outing. Turnout was light. Lois and Cal Frels planned the tour. Sue Kirik was the tour cookie lady. At the Museum Wayne Scherer got to park his 1941 Lincoln Continental next to a 1941 Lincoln Zepher that he had seen 20 years earlier. The owner had just sold it the day before but brought it out to help greet the group.



Some club members attended a "Show and Shine" at Klemme's. John & Sue Lewarne and their son had his 1933 Buick Sedan .

The Oktoberfest will be at Craig Beek's Model T Showroom on Oct 14.

The Annual banquet will be Nov 17th at The Abbey Depot

A poll of listeners to the Car Talk radio program produced a list of the worst car of the 20th Century.

1. The Yugo
2. The Chevrolet Vega (71-77)
3. The Ford Pinto (71-80)
4. American Motors Gremlin (70-78)
5. Chevrolet Chevette (76-87)
6. Renault LeCar (77-83)
7. Plymouth Volare & Dodge Aspen (76-80)
8. Cadillac Cimarron (82-88)
9. Renault Dauphine (57-66)
10. Volkswagen Bus (50-79)

Runners-up included Fiat X 1/9 (74-82), The Volkswagen Thing (73-75) and the Daihatsu Charade (88-92).

## 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 mb 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](mailto:dwaynec48@gmail.com)



Have you checked out the Mississippi Valley Region's Website or Facebook page recently?

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